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*"O Israel, thou hast destroyed thyself; but in me is thine help. I will
be thy king: where is any other that may save thee in all thy cities?"*

(Hosea 13: 9-10.)

Break Up Your Fallow Ground

THE two seasons of the year to which the Bible often refers are seedtime and harvest. Both are used again and again as symbolic of what men do and the results which become inevitable just as surely as the fruit of the harvest follows the planting of the seeds.

Jesus told the Parable of the Sower (Matt. 13: 2-23) to illustrate the effect that the message of the Kingdom would have upon its respective recipients. He declared the seed by the wayside to be the words of the Kingdom proclaimed to those who do not understand because the Wicked One intervenes and the seed cannot take root in their hearts. That which fell upon stony ground He declared to be symbolic of those who hear and rejoice in the message but, lacking faith and tenacity of spirit, become vexed and annoyed when called to endure tribulation and persecution for the sake of the Word and therefore turn aside. The seed that fell among thorns is likened to those who hear but who let the cares of this life (for they are too busy with many "important" things to give diligent heed) choke the words of understanding as they pursue their desires and pleasures. Also numbered among them are those who, because of riches, have become unfruitful. Jesus then said: "But he that receiveth seed into the good ground is he that heareth the word, and understandeth it; which also beareth fruit, and bringeth forth, some an hundred fold, some sixty, some thirty."

The effect of the message of the Kingdom upon all types of individuals could not be more succinctly stated. But also in terms of seedtime and harvest, God is calling Israel to return to Him. Through Hosea the Prophet God summons Israel to break up their fallow ground. For generations now God's people have not planted in righteousness and ground originally cultivated in righteousness has long lain idle. Now it is time for the call to go out: "Sow to yourselves in righteousness, reap in mercy; break up your fallow ground: for it is time to seek the Lord,

till he come and rain righteousness upon you" (Hosea 10: 12).

Never before in the history of God's people has it been so imperative that they seek the Lord with all their hearts. In this day of possible atomic destruction the only hope is that God in His mercy will intervene and deliver us from impending disaster and destruction. But Hosea declares we cannot hope to reap in mercy unless we first sow in righteousness.

In contrast with the summons to Israel to sow in righteousness God condemns His people: "Ye have plowed wickedness, ye have reaped iniquity; ye have eaten the fruit of lies: because thou didst trust in thy way, in the multitude of thy mighty men" (Hosea 10: 13).

The wickedness of modern Israel is very great. Our cities have become hot beds of crime and corruption and evil are rampant in high places. The people's leaders and the inhabitants of the land are all ignoring the Divine laws of righteousness. Having plowed wickedness, we are reaping iniquity. Because our ways are evil, our nation has turned away from the Lord to put its trust in human programs, an analysis of which clearly indicates they are the results which flow from our waywardness. God declares, because we are turning to our own ways, we are putting our trust in lies. In this day of calamity, instead of looking to Him for our defense against evil aggression, we are confident that our protection lies in our own armaments. They will prove to be inadequate, however, in the coming day of disaster.

We are being urged by God to break up our fallow ground so the Spirit may have freedom to penetrate the hardness of our hearts and bring about an attitude of genuine repentance. This will be the "soil" in which the seeds of righteousness may be planted and grow to a glorious harvest in peace and prosperity. God is calling to modern Israel, the Anglo-Saxon peoples, in their day of great spiritual need: "Turn ye, turn ye from your evil ways; for why will ye die, O house of Israel" (Ez. 33:11).

YOUR attention, as you read this publication, is directed toward the destinies of the nations of the world, the war, and our changing economy. The conclusions are based on the *only* authoritative source — the prophecies of the Holy Bible. In this way one can know the purpose and outcome of present chaos and you may well be startled, if this is your first acquaintance with its *national phase*, to discover the Bible as the most modern Book in the world. Containing information we must all shortly take into account, it deals mainly with the origin, history and destiny of *one* race and it is very probable that *you* are of that race, thus both the Bible and DESTINY deserve your consideration and study.

DESTINY identifies the Anglo-Saxon-Celtic and kindred peoples as the House of Israel under the leadership of the United States of America and Great Britain, and proceeds to prove it to be true. The magazine itself is published by plain Americans who have seriously studied God's Word in the Scriptures and who have seen God's hand in American and world history. We are not introducing a new religion. We are not a sect. In a time when esteem for the Bible has greatly declined, we stand for the truth of the Book as applied to the spiritual, economic and political life of man on the earth and so have formed a non-profit organization — which is undenominational — to publish these truths in order that others may possess this important information.

Our responsibility in these matters is deepened by the fact that the Anglo-Saxons are the people with whom God made His unalterable Covenant, and upon whom He laid His Law. That is, we accept the Scripture which describes a servant race appointed by God as the earthly vehicle of His purpose to the nations. This people He called *Israel*. Selected, disciplined, dispersed on their mission, they are here now — these are still Bible times in the truest sense — and it is a marvelous, continuing-on-through-the-centuries history. For we note that Israel left Palestine, while the Jews remained. We trace Israel out of the East and across Europe to their new settlement in the Isles, then on to America. By

FOREWORD

what the prophets wrote of them, what the monuments record, what the traditions preserve, by the "way-marks" they left at various stages of their journey, but mostly by the way they have fulfilled, unconsciously, what the Word of God states concerning them, and by the innumerable evidences of God's providence in their present situation, we know who and where they are, and what they will do.

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Israel! To many folk, today, the true meaning of this lovely name is lost or obscured. The fallacy persists that the ancient Israel people were chosen by God as an object of favoritism. God's choice of Israel still stands as a positive fact; yet there is no question of favoritism. The people of Israel were chosen for *service*. God called Israel to convey, to all mankind, the blessings of peace, happiness and true progress. While performing that service, God guaranteed to Israel the reward which every faithful servant should receive: the benevolence and protection of the Master. He placed

His own name upon them, for Israel means "a prince with God," and He commanded them not to "take it in vain." That they did take God's name in vain — and so lost it — is a matter of history. That they will again carry it — to God's honor and service — is clear from the Bible, and is the subject of our publication.

Like the name Israel, *Anglo-Saxon* is a noble name when clearly understood. As here used it does not stand for the Nordic racial theory or for the exaltation of any nation. We exalt God, not man. And we recognize that all who are "born again" and believe in Jesus Christ, regardless of his or her race, will partake of the blessings of the Covenant. We emphasize the Anglo-Saxon-Israel fact, however, and thus make Israel's identity clear, because it has been so grossly neglected and misunderstood in Bible teaching and is *essential* to an understanding of the prophecies and plan of God as contained in the Bible.

We see in the Bible plain guidance for the spiritual life of the soul, for the moral order of society and for the economic process of community and national well-being based on justice and equity. We find the moral order by which God intends to make obsolete the pagan order under which we still live. We see our Israel forefathers as they lived in alternate obedience and rejection of the Law, with consequent prosperity, punishment and correction. We have the Voice of God recalling us to our allegiance and foretelling the consequences of certain courses of action, and we have our Lord offering to set up completely the Kingdom of God on earth in its spiritual, economic and moral elements with Himself as King.

Thus we stand for *the whole law of God and the whole Gospel of Christ!* In large and general terms, this defines our position. We are anti-nothing and pro-everything relating to God's revealed purpose. We publish the neglected truths concerning the Kingdom or Government of God, for peace and justice, and concerning the people of God who continue today — the same people with the same work — now nearing the time of the full entry of the rule of God among men.

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THE MARCH OF HISTORY

SOVIET ACCUSATION

RUSSIA HAS CHARGED that American dollars and British and French diplomacy paved the way for World War II. The official Soviet statement said that in their dealings with conquered Germany after World War I the Western allies gave Adolf Hitler the armed strength and diplomatic security he needed to launch the second World War.

We might as well face the ugly facts; we did help Germany and Japan to strengthen their armed forces for world conflict when we financed the rebuilding of Germany after World War I and sent scrap iron by the tons to Japan. Then, too, the appeasement policy that enabled Hitler to carry out his plans was another means that contributed to making World War II inevitable. Of course what the Soviets are trying to say is that we did this intentionally and that is not true. We assisted Germany with the hope that she would join the nations in a general move for world peace, but we should have known better.

Now let us take the advice of the Soviet leaders that to assist a nation whose leaders are aggressive is wrong and stop dealing with Russia. Everything we are sending to the Soviet Union is merely enabling the aggressive leadership there to be that much more prepared for the conflict when World War III begins.

It might be well to extend our appreciation to Russia for reminding us that nations under the leadership of tyrannical men cannot be trusted. Surely, by the Russian accusation, we should be reminded of the foolishness of trying to appease or assist *any* aggressor with the hope that such assistance will make him benevolent and peaceful. The United States' answer to Russian accusation should be a pleasant "thank you" for refreshing our memories about our past blunders, followed by a polite notification to Moscow of the immediate correction of such faults by withholding all further shipments of goods and materials to Russia that in any way may contribute to her war program.

Following this, notice should be given that if the Soviets wish to show their good faith so that trade relationships may again be restored, let her relinquish all control over

subjected nations, set her slaves free and withdraw her agents from foreign countries. Meantime, let us take the advice she is now giving us and refuse to be a party any further to arming anyone — including Soviet Russia — for war!

MENTAL MONSTROSITIES

WHEN THE PHYSICAL BODY fails to develop properly, and some part of it wastes away or another overdevelops, the result is a human monstrosity. Such individuals claim our deepest pity and sympathy. Fortunately, in the world of millions of human beings, abnormal developments are few in comparison to the multitudes of sons and daughters born to men.

It is sometimes so that when the body is not properly formed at birth, or the development of some part of it is either retarded or abnormally advanced, the mind is weak in comparison to the age of the individual. When the mind does not keep pace with the body's growth, we call that unfortunate person a moron.

Added to this is a fact which is not so commonly recognized. Unless the body, mind *and spirit* of the individual maintain equality of growth, the balance among these three is upset and a mental distortion occurs in the intellect of the individual.

Again, a man may be perfectly developed physically and be a moron in mentality. So, too, a man may be perfectly developed physically and fully matured mentally, yet only an infant in spiritual development.

The mental balance which produces stability and true poise in the personality of the individual is not based wholly upon schooling or self-acquired information. It rests also upon the foundation of a well-developed discernment of true spiritual values — and only through the Spirit of the Lord can that understanding be obtained. This principle is completely ignored by modern schools and colleges who have been sending out millions of young men and women at graduation time who are actually mental monstrosities because, though they are fully educated in the worldly sense, the spirit within has atrophied

through lack of spiritual nourishment. Figuratively speaking, they have developed enlarged intellects but they lack the Spirit of the Lord which would give them spiritual perception, as well as intellectual acumen, in making the proper distinction between right and wrong and truth and error.

Because men and women lack this discerning spirit today in every field of human endeavor, multitudes of these intellectual monstrosities have so stirred the waters of misunderstanding and confusion that men are literally dizzy from the increasing whirl of conflicting ideas and deranged theories. In art, in music, in government, in economics, in fact in every phase of the arts and sciences, it is impossible today to find complete sanity, for often enthroned as the very acme of authority is one who is the product of our modern God-ignoring civilization — a mental monstrosity!

Modern art furnishes a clear illustration of this decadency for only mental pervers could stand before the grotesque and distorted images painted by modern artists and be captivated by such so-called works of art. When God created man and placed him in the Garden, "Out of the ground made the Lord God to grow every tree that is *pleasant to the sight*." The man whose body, soul and spirit are perfectly in tune with the Spirit of the Lord will respond to the beautiful, for only a distorted spirit revels in the grotesque and ugly. What is there that is at all beautiful in the "modern" artist's conception of what he calls a tree? Actually, there is neither beauty nor refinement in that which is evil and which stems from the occultism and mysticism of the bottomless pit. The purpose is to subvert, not elevate, and because the Spirit of the Lord has left the temple of their bodies, multitudes glory in the grotesque and revel in the obscene.

Turning to modern music, we hear the beat of the tom-toms of jungle music to the sound of which so-called civilized men and women rise up to dance and play. Truly the Lord through Amos clearly depicted the departure of His people from songs of beauty when He said: "And the songs of the temple shall be howlings in that day." Can anyone but a mental pervert deny that it is a blast of howlings that often greets one who inadvertently tunes his radio in to a program of modern music? The Spirit of the Lord is not present in the hearts and minds of those who enjoy this subversion when they might listen to melodies which truly lift one to new spiritual heights.

What of those who today occupy responsible positions in public life, such as men in government, radio commentators and news writers? While we find many men of worldly astuteness and insight among them, few, if any, have a discerning spirit, for the ways of the Lord are unknown to them and they despise His precepts. They have developed their intellects to a brilliant degree, but without a corresponding spiritual growth the conflicting views and opinions, issuing from these men have brought about world-wide confusion and bewilderment. They have completely failed to recognize that:

"The Lord giveth wisdom: out of his mouth cometh knowledge and understanding. He layeth up sound wisdom for the righteous: he is a buckler to them that walk uprightly. He keepeth the paths of judgment, and preserveth the way of his saints. Then shalt thou understand righteousness, and judgment, and equity; yea, every good path. When wisdom entereth into thine heart, and knowledge is pleasant unto thy soul; Discretion shall preserve

thee, understanding shall keep thee." (Prov. 2: 6-11.)

What national leader, radio commentator or news writer may lay claim to such wisdom and keenness? After all, should we be surprised that under the guidance of men of low spiritual caliber the world today is in a state of chaos? National leaders, economists, news writers, commentators, university professors and authors of books are all trying to tell the people how to solve world problems which cannot be solved apart from a full working knowledge of the plans and purposes of God. But because these men ignore His Word and refuse to heed His laws, much of their advice is but the braying of mental monstrosities whose spiritual perceptions are still wrapped in the swaddling clothes of their own retarded spiritual development. Thus a world of "mental giants," lacking the stability of the Spirit of the Lord, is rapidly accelerating the pace of modern civilization toward the gulf of self-destruction. Men without God, lacking the leading of His Holy Spirit, are devising inventions that, except a merciful God intervenes, will return the earth in the foreseeable future to the condition described by Jeremiah:

"I beheld the earth, and, lo, it was without form, and void; and the heavens, and they had no light. I beheld the mountains, and, lo, they trembled, and all the hills moved lightly. I beheld, and, lo, there was no man, and all the birds of the heavens were fled. I beheld, and, lo, the fruitful place was a wilderness, and all the cities thereof were broken down at the presence of the Lord, and by his fierce anger." (Jer. 4: 23-26.)

Misuse of power is sinful to the extreme and by it an ancient civilization perished.* Our modern civilization is today following in the same footsteps. The only way to salvage the present world is an immediate return to spiritual values and the dethronement from places of leadership of mental monstrosities to prepare the way for men of God, who have an understanding of the Lord and His laws and who will point out the way to restore to mankind the true mental and spiritual balance it has lost.

PLOTTING DESTRUCTION

DESTINY HAS WARNED of a merger of interests between the Jews who desire Palestine and the Soviets who covet the power the possession of Palestine would bring to them. Referring to our editorial entitled "Judah Against Jerusalem," DESTINY for August 1943, we stated:

"Zionism is taking an attitude towards Great Britain that can easily lead to Jewry being against the defenders of Jerusalem when Russia moves against Great Britain and enters the land of Palestine. It is conceivable that Jewry will play an important part in the coming Soviet move with the hope of securing their objective: home rule in Palestine."

This expected move, outlined nearly five years ago, is now beginning to take shape according to recent news dispatches from Jerusalem. Under the title, "Communist-Led Hebrew Front Ready to Emerge in Palestine," the following appeared in the *Chicago Daily News*:

"JERUSALEM — A Communist-dominated national Hebrew front is expected to emerge in Palestine within a few weeks after the British evacuation.

"A symptom of the drift toward totalitarianism is the behavior of Haganah's former Commander-in-Chief, Moshe Sneh, who

* See "The Release of Atomic Energy," *Documentary Studies*, page 222. \$5.00 postpaid, Destiny Publishers, Haverhill, Mass.

recently resigned from the Jewish Agency's executive committee and joined the neo-Communist Hashomer Hatzair, the strongest of the five Hebrew 'dissident' groups. Sneh, born Kleinbaum, was a long-time associate of Dr. Chaim Weitzmann in the leadership of the moderate General Zionist Party.

"All five groups opposing the Jewish Agency are now controlled by Communists. All that remains is to join them officially together, 25,000 strong, in a single united front designed to appeal to the extremists and fellow-travelers in the traditional Jewish parties.

"The Hebrew Communist Party broke with the Jewish Communist Party of Palestine a year ago in order to support Zionism at a time when the Soviet government still opposed it. Now that the Soviet government has decided to favor Zionism by supporting partition, the two parties are expected to reunite at any moment. Their membership is, of course, a secret, but the two of them are believed to command the loyalty of close to 10,000 persons.

"The Hashomer Hatzair is a pro-Russian Socialist party comprising 10,000 members whose line is almost identical to that of the two official Communist parties.

"The 5,000 members of the Irgun Zvai Leumi followed the Fascist Stern gang into the Communist fold last fall. The Stern gang, whose 1,000 members split off from the Irgun in 1940 to collaborate with the Germans in order to beat the British, secretly joined the Communists last September. The union was brought about by the Polish Consulate here at the behest of the Soviet government.

"Both the Poles and the Yugoslavs have been extremely active in Zionist affairs since the formation of the Cominform last fall. Every assistance has been offered in facilitating illegal immigration, and streams of non-Jewish Slavic 'tourists' have been arriving in Palestine by ship and train from eastern Europe by way of Turkey. The percentage of illegal immigrants who are really Soviet agents in disguise is a matter that Jewish Agency spokesmen are naturally reluctant to discuss.

"While inclined to minimize the danger of Communist infiltration, for fear of prejudicing the Zionist cause in the United States, they nevertheless admit that the ranks of the dissident groups have been 'greatly enlarged' by the arrival of illegal immigrants from eastern Europe."

This news release brings to the forefront our questioning of the honesty of certain radio news commentators who at the moment would have the American public believe they were always opposed to Communism. In view of the above revelation, the support of the Zionists is tantamount to furthering the Soviet program for world domination, for the Zionists are moving to bring about the Soviet invasion of Palestine.

Can it be possible that the knowledge displayed by one Sunday evening radio commentator concerning the inevitability of World War III involving the U.S.A. and Soviet Russia stems from his inside understanding of the Zionists' program and the coming Soviet alliances? In the light of the Soviet support of Zionism, this radio commentator's present apparent public opposition to Communism — and at the same time strong support of the Zionists — brings the sincerity of his utterances into question. It is possible that he is endeavoring to lay a foundation of astuteness through advance information upon which he expects to later capitalize by an "I told you so" technique.

It is time patriotic American citizens were aroused to the insidious propaganda that is leading this nation to the brink of disaster. Why should the United States continue to support the Zionists in their false claims while at the same time the Zionists are planning to support the Soviets in their evil aggression in Palestine? If we continue in the

present policy concerning Palestine, it will only hasten the coming of World War III.

ROSTER OF BETRAYERS

THE DAY OF ACTION is at hand. Far too long now the American public has allowed the prating of demagogues to distract their attention, preventing the people from understanding the real problems our nation faces today. The great issue now is peace or war. Those who are advocating support of the aspirations of political Zionism are actually urging our nation into participation in World War III. Let a roster of those who are doing this be kept for a future time when, following the great destruction, they can be faced with their culpability and made to pay for their betrayal of the peace of this great nation and the slaughter of millions of its citizens.

Already events in Palestine are causing an uneasy undercurrent of apprehension and many are vaguely wondering if we have not already embarked upon the road to World War III by supporting the partition plan. Unfortunately, it is true that we are even now moving into position for the coming conflict, urged on by those who are willing to throw away the peace of our nation and of the world in order to support the false Zionist claims.

DESTINY has for years emphasized the fact that when Palestine became the objective of all nations, and the eyes of the world were turned toward Jerusalem, war would become inevitable. We have stated this positively, without any fear whatever that coming events will contradict us, for our declaration is based upon the word of the prophets of the Lord, *the partitioning of Palestine by the UN means war!**

Already, at the instigation of a very active clique, the United States has played into the hands of the Soviets and the situation becomes increasingly tense in Palestine. The very methods adopted to secure favorable UN action of the partition of Palestine have destroyed the integrity and good faith of the United States. President Truman, in his message to Congress, said:

"We shall approve no territorial changes in any friendly part of the world unless they accord with the freely expressed wishes of the people concerned."

But the acts of the President and his advisors, along with the State Department and many influential politicians who have favored the division of Palestine without the consent of the Arabs, contradict this statement and brand the United States as a hypocritical nation. We are being forced into participation in a world conflict that will see the destruction of our cities and the death of millions of our citizens — all for the sake of supporting the unrighteous political plans of Zionists. And, worse still, one club the Zionists have been able to wield over weak-kneed politicians is purely political — instilling in them the fear of losing the Jewish support in the coming November election. Both major parties are guilty for, as far as both Democrats and Republicans are concerned, it is tweedledum and tweedledee in the scramble for the Jewish vote.

Ranking Republicans are also supporting the Zionists for political reasons. Actually, there is no hope for our nation in the present leadership of either party. Unless unforeseeable issues arise, the campaign will apparently continue to be confined to questions which merely indicate

* See *Dividing the Land*, DESTINY for November 1947, page 392.

that the kettle is calling the pot black while actually both parties are tarred with the same brush. Regardless of consequences, it seems that both Democrats and Republicans are willing to trade the future peace of our nation and the lives of its young men for votes.

Primarily, however, the Zionists can be charged with the responsibility for making World War III inevitable. This is borne out in the statement of Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver of Cleveland, the number one spokesman for the Zionists, who is reported to have said to a jubilant audience of 20,000, following the vote to partition Palestine:

"This generation of Jews drove an empire behind barbed wire in Palestine and forced a decision from the United Nations."

It will be well to remember Rabbi Silver's statement when later the Zionists try to escape the responsibility of the coming holocaust which will stem from their acts in Palestine and the pressure they exerted upon the politicians of the United States and the delegates of the UN.

Let us not forget to add to the roster the names of Drew Pearson and Walter Winchell, two radio commentators who have been outspoken in expressing their approval of the Zionists' claims. These two men boast of the millions they influence so they must also bear their share of the responsibility for the coming disaster that political Zionism has made inevitable. Neither must we forget to add the name of Eleanor Roosevelt who high-pressured President Truman in her effective campaign to aid the Zionists. Then there are those twenty-six United States Senators who are said to have turned the tide in favor of partitioning Palestine by sending a telegram to twelve UN delegates who were on the fence at the time and who were, by this act, persuaded to cast their votes in favor of the partition program.

GOG MOVES ON

THE SOVIETS ACT WHILE the politicians of both Great Britain and the United States just talk. The Communist coup in Czechoslovakia is evidence of the futility of a mere financial plan to stem the onward march of the Red octopus which is embracing one country after another in its deadly tentacles. If all the wealth in America were transported to Europe it would not stop the Kremlin from carrying out its conquest of nations in accordance with the Soviet timetable.

Our national leaders sit helplessly by while the Reds act and notes of protest sent to Moscow are so much waste-paper. The only thing the Kremlin understands is force and while we wait upon Moscow, attempting to pursue a policy of appeasement, the Reds consolidate their positions and continue their advances. Russia intends to take over all of Europe and at her present rate of success this program of evil aggression will be accomplished in the very near future.

Under the proposed Marshall Plan, American taxpayers are being asked to furnish the money to purchase goods for export to Europe and thus they will be furnishing more booty to ultimately fall into the hands of the Soviet tyrants. We might as well face the facts which DESTINY has for years pointed out as inevitable because of our national stupidity in trying to appease evil aggression. The same steps we took in the appeasement policy applied to Hitler are now being taken in regard to Moscow. As DESTINY has pointed out in the past, the great confederacy of na-

tions, under the leadership of Moscow, is in the making. The year 1948 is a fateful year in the program of evil aggression.

If the national leaders of Great Britain and the United States had recognized the warnings given by God through His prophets, they would not now be trying to appease a deadly enemy. Furthermore, long before this time a notice would have been served upon Moscow to withdraw her agents from all nations and cease pressuring helpless peoples into becoming unwilling partners with her. The Soviet failure to comply with our request might have meant war, though Moscow might have hesitated if we had made it clear that we meant business. If not, we would have been justified in going to the defense of the down-trodden. But neither Great Britain nor the United States possessed statesmen with sufficient intestinal fortitude to stand up against Stalin and in the interest of righteousness see to it that helpless peoples were not enslaved by Russia. Now it is too late.

Russia's present policy means that war is inevitable. While vigorous action in the past might have precipitated the conflict, it would not have been as deadly as it will be now when it comes as the Soviets are planning it. The delay has weakened the United States and Great Britain because of the vacillating policies pursued, while it has provided time for the strengthening of Soviet Russia.

May God have mercy upon us and upon our nation and move in our behalf to cancel out the evil effects which are following the blunderings of our political leaders. It matters very little which political party is in control; all are blind and dumb to the real needs of the present hour. God's appraisal of Israel's watchmen is:

"His watchmen are blind: they are all ignorant, they are all dumb dogs, they cannot bark; sleeping, lying down, loving to slumber. Yea, they are greedy dogs which can never have enough, and they are shepherds that cannot understand: they all look to their own way, every one for his gain, from his quarter." (Isa. 56: 10-11.)

Listen to the utterances of politicians who aspire to leadership! Each is thinking of his own gain through party affiliations and all are greedy for office and public acclaim. They are more concerned about being elected to office next November than that they carry out our God-given national mission:

"To loose the bands of wickedness, to undo the heavy burdens, and to let the oppressed go free, and that ye break every yoke." (Isa. 58: 6.)

The fools' paradise in which politicians now live is about to be destroyed and the evidence of its ending is seen as the Russian bear stretches forth his paws and gathers in one helpless people after another. We are rapidly nearing the time when the Soviets will take up their march into Palestine and thus precipitate the events of the great and terrible Day of the Lord which will be a day of distress and great slaughter.

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Prelude to Conflict

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FROM THE COMPLEX interweaving of many separate phases a world crisis is developing whose grimmer outlines, long known to those acquainted with the Divine plan delineated in the Bible, are still comprehended but imperfectly by the general public. Fascinating indeed is the manner in which chronology links each step in the evolving process with past events and with highlight dates of the future, thus transforming what casual newspaper readers see as unrelated happenings into significant scenes of a sweeping and constantly intensifying world drama.

Previous articles, particularly that of August 1946, noted the important three-day period of October 30–November 1, 1946 as the solar terminal of 9×1290 days after the German initiation of World War I on August 1, 1914. October 30, 1946 brought rejection by the United States of meretricious Soviet disarmament proposals, while November 1 found resolutions against Franco Spain being presented to the United Nations.

Since the United Nations was involved in events noted on the November 1, 1946 date, which the 9×1290 -day cycle marked as connoting Judgment and Desolation, it is not surprising that another crucial UN development came on the terminal of 370 days (Deluge duration) afterwards. It was on November 6, 1947 that the United Nations Political Committee formally approved the interim committee or "Little Assembly" proposal suggested in September by Secretary of State Marshall as a means of circumventing repeated Soviet vetoes on all major issues. The UN move accentuated the East-West split within the organization, since the Soviet bloc abstained from voting and declared itself out of the "Little Assembly."

It was also on November 6 that Soviet Foreign Minister Molotov hinted Russia possesses the atom bomb secret, and charged that Britain and the United States were preparing for aggression (Chart I).

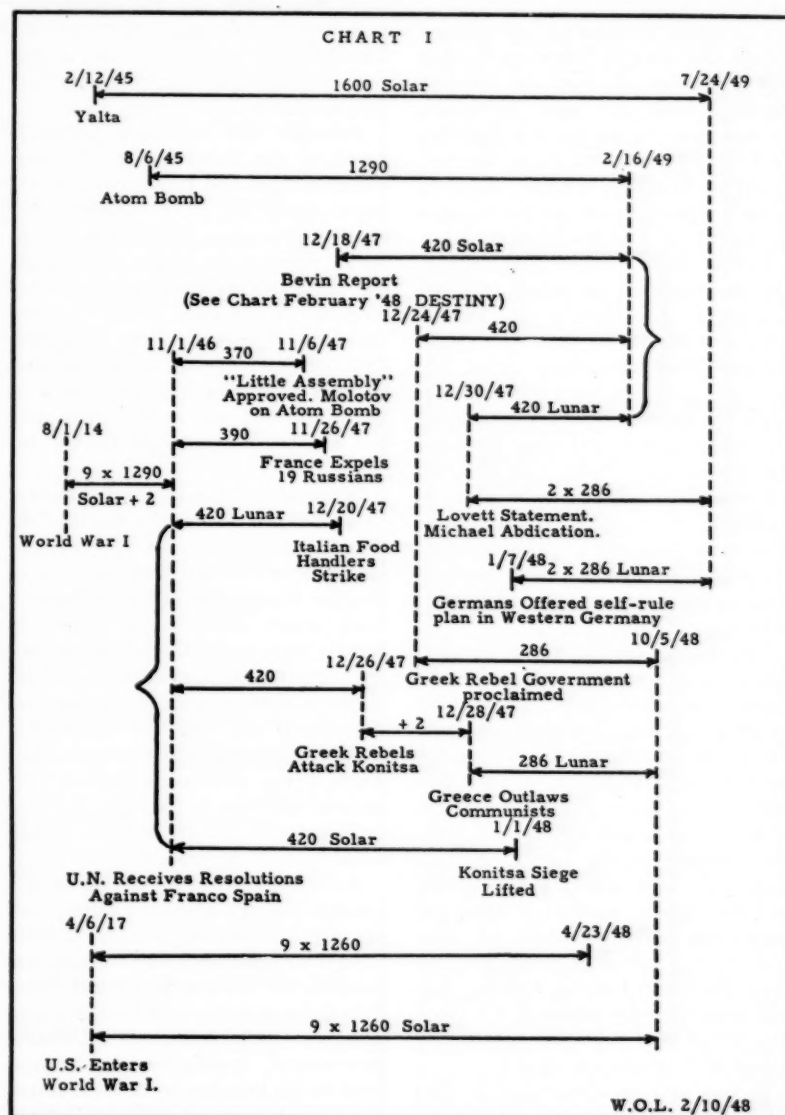
On November 26, 390 days after

November 1, 1946, the three-day-old French government of Premier Schuman, battling Communist-instigated disorders, announced the expulsion of 19 Russians for "interfering in French affairs." The Schuman "act fast and talk little" policy, typified by this move, temporarily abated the Communist threat to France. However, note how much more ominous an instrument of "chastisement" the Com-

munist movement had become during the 390-day period.

The Communist-led strike of 300,000 Italian food workers opened on December 20, 1947, a date 420 days lunar after November 1, 1946.

Prominent in the headlines as 1947 waned was the always-explosive Greek situation. On December 24 Greek guerillas announced formation of an all-Communist "Free Greek" govern-



ment in the northern mountains. This long-portended development initiated a more critical phase of the Greek struggle, since observers feared it presaged additional and increasingly-open interference by Greece's northern neighbors.

The significant chronological data pertaining to December 24 are given on Chart I. It was 420 days before February 16, 1949 and also 286 days before October 5, 1948. The February 1949 date is important as marking the end of a 1290-day "Desolation" period after the release of the atom bomb on August 6, 1945, while the October 5, 1948 date is particularly important in that it marks the solar terminal of 9×1260 days after the United States entry into World War I on April 6, 1917.

(The solar terminal of the 420-day period extending to February 16, 1949 was December 18, 1947. It therefore connects with the data pertaining thereto given on the chart in *DESTINY* for February. As noted there, the date brought British Foreign Minister Bevin's report on the sterile London Conference of Foreign Ministers.)

Events moved rapidly in Greece. On December 26 the rebels attacked Konitsa in an effort to capture the town as a capital for their newly-proclaimed Greek Communist State. The date was 420 days after November 1, 1946. On December 28 Greece placed into effect a law outlawing not only the Communist Party, but also the left-wing EAM coalition and all sympathizing with those organizations. This move came 286 days lunar before October 6, 1948 and also on the third day made perfect of 420 days after November 1, 1946.

The official United States counter-move against proclamation of the Greek rebel state came on December 30 when Acting Secretary of State Robert A. Lovett served notice on the Soviet-dominated Balkan nations that recognition of the Communist "Free Greek" government would be a "serious violation of the United Nations Charter." This warning was issued on a date doubly marked, it being 420 days lunar before February 16, 1949 and also 2×286 days before July 24, 1949. (As Chart I shows, July 24, 1949 will mark the solar terminal of a 1600-day period after the Yalta Conference report of February 12, 1945.)

It was also on December 30 that King Michael abdicated the Ruma-

nian throne, a move which official British sources in London declared obviously removed "the last remaining obstacle in the way of a new East European dictatorship." The Rumanian government immediately proclaimed the country a "popular democratic republic" and another Balkan nation was firmly in the Soviet grasp.

In Greece, meanwhile, rebel attempts to seize Konitsa were balked on January 1 when government troops broke the siege. The date was the solar terminal of 420 days after November 1, 1946.

With the Konitsa prize denied them, the rebels reportedly set up a temporary capital in an isolated village near the Albanian border. This was revealed on January 6, a date 1290 days solar after the Normandy Invasion of June 6, 1944. (Not charted.) For the lunar and mean dates of this 1290-day cycle, see the chart on page 55 of *DESTINY* for February 1948.

Palestine and Germany predominated in the news through the first weeks of 1948. On January 3 a major battle broke out in Jerusalem's Old Walled City when Jews attempted to wrest control of the Wailing Wall from the Arabs. This was on the solar terminal of 286 days before October 19, 1948 (Chart II). As indicated, October 19, 1948 will mark the close of 1260 days after V-E Day (May 8, 1945) and will also be 666 days after the December 23, 1946 Darien incident.

It was also on January 3 that British Prime Minister Attlee denounced Russian Communism as "a new form of imperialism" threatening the rest of Europe. Realization of Soviet Russia's true nature came more slowly in Britain than in the United States, but few illusions now remain in official quarters. The tragedy is that realization came too late for countering action to be undertaken in time. Had Anglo-Saxon officialdom guided their nations' destinies in the light of Scriptural precepts, all the current travail could have been averted.

An inevitable consequence of the London Foreign Ministers parley failure materialized on January 7. With East-West agreement on Germany impossible, the United States and Great Britain handed German leaders a proposal for establishment of a German government, legislature and central bank in the Western occupation zones. The Eastern zone would be left isolated

behind Russia's "Iron Curtain." The date was 2×286 days lunar before July 24, 1949 (Chart I) and 286 days before October 19, 1948 (Chart II).

January 9 brought a new and more portentous outbreak in Palestine when a sizable force of Arab troops invaded the country from the Lebanon-Syrian border, attacked two Jewish towns, and were driven off only after the British struck back with warplanes, artillery and mortars. This attack, demonstrating that Arab threats of warfare were far from idle vauntings, came exactly 7×270 days after the North African invasion of November 6, 1942.

Note from Chart II how unmistakably indicative of imminent "birth pangs" were events noted on December 12, 1947, lunar date of this 7×270 cycle. The French Assembly backed the government's firm stand in the diplomatic crisis with Russia ensuing from the deportation of 19 Russians. In London, the Foreign Ministers Conference reached its crisis point at one of the angriest Big Four meetings ever held, as the three Western powers loosed a bitter blast of criticism at Russian reparations policy, with British Foreign Secretary Bevin charging that the Soviets had taken seven billion dollars in reparations behind the Allies' backs. In Rome, the two-day-old Communist-led general strike collapsed under unrelenting government pressure.

January 11 brought fresh outpourings of Soviet venom when the Russian official press in Berlin accused the Americans and British of permanently splitting Germany and virtually demanded that they quit as joint occupiers of Berlin. This must be seen as ensuing from the January 7 act of the Western powers in offering self-rule to their zone of Germany. The remarks of the Russian press brought quick replies from American officers affirming that the United States intended to remain in Berlin as long as necessary to discharge its obligations.

Another January 11 development was a Greek news agency report that Albania had been charged by the United Nations Balkan Commission with taking an active part in Greek guerilla activities.

Note from Chart II that January 11 was both 286 days lunar before October 19, 1948 and also the third day made perfect of 7×270 days after November 6, 1942.

On January 14 the U. S. Air Force announced the reopening of its large wartime base near Tripoli, Libya. This important move, affecting the balance of power in the Mediterranean, came on the third day made perfect of 1600 days solar before June 26, 1952. As Chart II indicates, June 26, 1952 will be the solar terminal of a 2520-day period after the signing of the United Nations Charter on June 26, 1945, and will also be 2520 days mean after the Potsdam Conference communiqué issued on August 2, 1945.

It was also on January 14 that Allied authorities in Germany bared so-called "Protocol M," a document purporting to outline a Communist plot for sabotaging the Marshall Plan by a carefully-blueprinted series of

strikes in Western Germany's industrial areas.

(January 14 also brought the statement of General Lucius D. Clay, referred to above, in which he quashed Russian attempts to force the Western powers from Berlin.)

The grim specter of hunger stalked Western Germany more menacingly than ever on January 16. Even as fifty thousand workers in three Ruhr cities struck against food shortages, German bizonal officials in Frankfurt were warning their people of worse shortages to come. "For the first time since the end of the war, we really face famine," stated the president of the bizonal executive committee at a news conference. Significantly, these developments came at the solar ter-

minal of 1600 days before June 26, 1952, with 1600 being the number indicative of "space or extent of judgment." Hunger, strife, storms, plagues — all are instruments of Divine wrath.

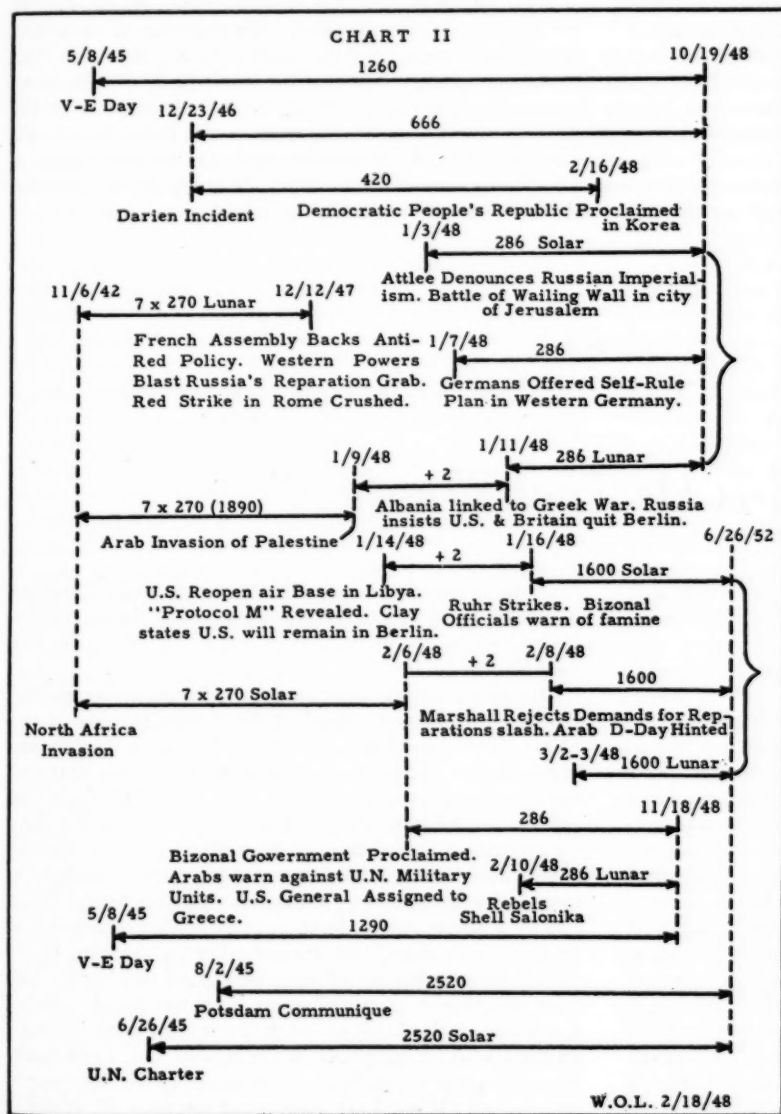
The long-inevitable cleavage between Eastern and Western Germany became a reality on February 6 when authorities of the British and American zones proclaimed a bicameral economic government on approximately the traditional German pattern. The date was 1890 days solar after November 6, 1942, and the third day made perfect of 1600 days before June 26, 1952. Conjunction of these two important time measures marks events of the February 6-8 period as being particularly significant.

While the developments in Germany are fraught with grave potentialities, more immediately ominous was the formal note delivered to the UN by the Arabs, also on February 6. The Arabs' representatives served notice that they would battle any international military units sent to enforce partition of Palestine, and further advised Secretary-General Trygve Lie that UN efforts to divide Palestine would be considered an act of aggression.

Finally, February 6 brought the announcement from the United States Army that Major General James A. Van Fleet, one of its ablest combat generals, had been named commander of all American Army, Air and Navy forces assigned to the Greek mission.

On February 8, mean terminal of 1600 days before June 26, 1952, press reports estimated that 15,000 troops from Arab states had already crossed into Palestine, and that the first Arab volunteer officers had arrived. Note how this report underscores the February 6 warning delivered to the United Nations, and how events of this three-day period of February 6-8 presage bloody struggles for the Holy Land.

The pace of events began accelerating. On February 16 the United Nations Palestine Committee formally appealed to the Security Council for an international army to move into Palestine on May 15 and prevent "catastrophic failure" of the UN's Holy Land partition program. Data pertaining to February 16 (not charted) show it to be the third day made perfect of 7 x 120 days after President Truman's important foreign policy statement of October 27, 1945,



and also 666 days solar before December 23, 1949. This last date, 1600 days after the atom bomb release on August 6, 1945, was noted on a chart in the December 1947 issue of *DESTINY* (page 425) and several important connecting time measures were given.

It was also on February 16 that a "Democratic People's Republic of Korea" was proclaimed in the Russian half of that divided country. United States Army authorities immediately denounced the action as a direct violation of the Moscow Conference decision that the United States and Russia should work together to set up an independent republic of all Korea. As Chart II shows, the Russian move in Korea came 420 days after the Darien incident. There is significance too in the perfected 7 x 120-day measure connecting the Korea event with President Truman's statement, since a main point in the latter was insistence upon the right of free peoples to choose their own form of government. Step by step, Russian perfidy reveals itself.

Events in Rumania and Korea have

solidly welded two more links in the "Great Confederacy" whose growth prophetic students are watching with fascination. Meanwhile, in Germany, establishment of the Bizonia government may well result in a counterpart being set up in the Soviet zone. From this the Russians could extend control over all Germany as opportunity offered, thus forging another — and perhaps the crucial — link in the Confederacy.

Trained observers of European affairs have pointed out that the Communist disorders in France and Italy during late 1947 were "dress rehearsals" for moves contemplated in the spring. For this reason alone these spring weeks of 1948 should be closely watched. But crises are brewing in many other spots, of which the most ill-boding are:

Palestine — where UN efforts to enforce its ill-advised partition program will set the Middle East rocking with violence and bloodshed.

India — where the assassination of Mohandas K. Gandhi on January 30, 1948 removed perhaps the greatest

single barrier to all-out internecine warfare in the two strife and bigotry-torn Dominions.

China — where Communist forces continue to press the Nationalists on all fronts, gaining steadily, so that the ability of the graft-ridden Chinese government to hold together becomes increasingly doubtful.

Add to this the possibility of a financial collapse in Great Britain, forcing drastic reduction or abandonment of commitments all over the globe, and it will be seen that events augured for the later months of 1948 amply bear out the chronological indications making it a momentous year.

And still the average Christian walks in darkness. When prophetic interpretation is attempted, more often than not the expositor seeks to link current events with the inanities of Futurism, and the result is worse confusion than before. Fortunate indeed are those who have availed themselves of the twin beacons — the Israel key to the Scriptures and the guide-markers of chronology. Thus equipped, they see clearly.



"Blessed Is He That Watcheth"

THERE IS nothing more dangerous than being dogmatic about how the fulfillment of prophecy will take place. Intelligent anticipation is one thing, but the event itself alone can decide how a prophecy will mature in actuality. It is the inflexibility of interpreters which has in the past so often brought the subject of prophecy into disrepute.

Prophecy is not prediction. Precise prediction would make world developments crystal clear. Prophecy is a form of codified revelation, which becomes clear after the event itself unseals that which prophecy conceals. Unlike prediction, prophecy enables us to see the truth in retrospect rather than foretell the future. Thus, the New Testament defines the true significance of prophecy when it refers to the word of prophecy being "a light in a dark place." A light in a dark place is useful, but its range is limited so long as the place itself is dark. Similarly, prophecy gives us guidance, but does not tell all the story. Like a lamp it irradiates our footsteps, but does not illuminate all the road. If prophecy told all, then the dark place itself would become light, and there is no need for the illumination of a light in a place where there is no darkness. In this way the

function of prophecy is precisely determined. Prophecy is revelation in process of unfoldment, for the words "to reveal" mean "to bring that which was in darkness into light."

Of course, there is a compensating factor in this matter. For as St. Paul says regarding the second coming of our Lord: "The day of the Lord so cometh as a thief in the night. But ye, brethren, are not in darkness, that that day should overtake you as a thief." Why is this? Because "ye are all the children of light, and the children of the day: we are not of the night, nor of darkness." If we are the children of light we have many signs made manifest by means of which we can "see the day approaching." If we can see a thing approaching, then no matter whether it is "a day" or "a thief," we are not taken by surprise. In all tactics the elimination of surprise is half the battle. Yet even this degree of anticipation does not justify precise prediction. Indeed, life on earth is one continuous "alert" for those who are spiritually in *Christ Jesus*. Our Lord made this quite plain when He gave the password for the present era, saying: "What I say unto you I say unto all, *Watch*."

REVIEW OF WORLD AFFAIRS

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Russian Work in America

IN THE SOVIET HIERARCHY M. Oumansky ranked very high indeed, far higher than the Soviet Ambassador in Washington. For a time up to his death he was, of course, Ambassador in Mexico. He had the right to report on countries other than that to which he was officially accredited. He was allowed to make suggestions for improving services in many areas outside his own particular diplomatic sphere, and he also had the power to advise on M.V.D. activities and other things of that kind.

Just before his death he wrote an important secret report. It dealt with questions of espionage and sabotage against the U.S.A. In it he said that the Germans had failed miserably in their organization of a fifth column in the United States. He said that there had been practically no effective sabotage, and that secret service personnel landed from "U" boats had been too easily caught, partly because they were landed at unsuitable places and were easily tracked down by the FBI, and partly because there was no adequate internal organization with which agents could make liaison.

He went on to point out that there is no country in the world where it is easier to organize a spy system than in the U. S. and that the U.S.S.R. must learn from the mistakes which Germany had made. He urged Russia to make up her mind at once at what things to strike and with which weapons.

He said that the United States had, for example, two vulnerable points: the Panama Canal and locks at Sault Sainte Marie. If these two points were attacked it would seriously hamper America's war effort. The Ambassador thought preparations should be made at once for sabotaging these two main strategic points.

Generally he felt the Germans had made a mistake which Russia must avoid, namely, the open creation of a Bund which had exposed the number of pro-Germans in America. He felt the Communist Party was already too open and large; he recommended that in the future no important fifth columnist should be allowed to join it.

Important people should be excluded from its membership and placed secretly in places of importance. He strongly urged that a receiving organization for Soviet agents should be built up at once, that agents should be trained only in their immediate task, and be told nothing more than absolutely necessary about what others were doing in the same organization.

He strongly advocated the limitation of each agent; one person should be engaged solely on housing secret agents, another should be an expert on transport, and so on. But none should know the whole story, or even two or three parts of the story; as far as possible people in the receiving organization should seem to be harmless, liberal-minded, good-natured citizens of America, well considered by neigh-

bors and friends as non-political neutrals in all matters of great affairs.

The Ambassador pointed out how extremely difficult it might be to get agents into the United States once war had broken out. It was therefore vital that the whole organization should be built up before war and that all the important people should be well placed now. The whole organization must be running smoothly before an outbreak.

In November 1945 two officers of the Russian Intelligence, traveling under the names of Vladimir Novak and Joseph Erdman, arrived in Mexico City. They soon left on their mission which included extensive travels in the Panama Canal Zone. In May 1946 they showed up in Cuba; how long they stayed there is not certain. Traveling under other names they went by air to Florida in August 1946. Later they went north and west and eventually got back to Mexico.

The report of this extremely important trip was submitted to the M.V.D. in December 1946 and presently the Intelligence Division of the Russian General Staff examined their conclusions with very great care.

On the whole, they recommended Oumansky's memorandum. They pointed out that deterioration in the relations between the U.S.S.R. and the United States already made it urgent to act without delay.

By February 1947 Moscow had a complete geographical survey of the whole problem worked out, based on Oumansky's memorandum and the special intelligence report of those agents. The whole organization has since made a great deal of progress and is now being increased by every possible means in the power of the Soviet government.

Since the spring of 1947 Russian agents have been arriving in considerable numbers in Latin American countries, especially Costa Rica, Cuba, Haiti, Mexico and Columbia. The discoveries made in Canada revealed only a part of the great system of spies which is being organized to undermine the defenses of the United States.

Further Reports from Russia

One of the most interesting things in the internal Russian situation is the activity of partisan units in different parts of the country. Very little mention has been made of this in the world press, but it is an important matter. There is first of all the Ukrainian resistance movement. This is under the leadership of Colonel Bender, sometimes known as Vandera. He is a former Austrian officer.

These guerilla forces are fighting in an area extending roughly from Kharkov to Slovakia. They fight to a definite plan. They have an organized command, their own radio station and a fully equipped General Staff.

Besides this considerable movement there are in Russia two other centers of partisan activity. One is in the Urals, the other in Turkestan. That in the Urals is composed of Russian deserters and escaped German prisoners. Their

arms have been stolen from the Red Army and from stocks hidden away by the Germans in areas between Elista and Stalingrad. It is impossible to say how large this force is but it is certain that they have established liaison of a loose kind with the guerilla forces in the Ukraine.

In Turkestan — and the Russians are having trouble in many of their Asiatic republics — another partisan force operates on its own. It mainly consists of Moslems, and their hostility to the régime is largely inspired by religious factors. Most of the men come from units of the Red Army which have been demobilized. They have a good deal of support from the local population and help from certain Nomad tribes.

A Plan for Germany

Moscow now has a master plan for Germany. It was drafted by a special commission under Dekanosov, the Deputy Foreign Minister of the U.S.S.R. and former Soviet Ambassador to Berlin. It is rumored, moreover, that Field Marshall von Paulus and several other high-ranking German officers, a German scientist and two influential former members of the "Steel Helmet" organization, have helped in the work.

Little is known about the plan itself, except that they are building up cadres in the Soviet Zone of Germany for the future administration of the whole country. There seems to be no idea of prematurely incorporating the Soviet Zone into Russia or of setting up a separate state; the idea is to use the zone as a jumping off place for dominating the whole of Germany by a central government sponsored by and on friendly terms with the Soviet Union.

Two Schools of Thought

Until Zhdanov gains complete authority there will be many more contradictions in Russian policy in Eastern Germany. We shall see harsh treatment side by side with blandishments. These contradictions are due to the existence of the two schools of thought in Russia.

It is believed that the Zhdanov school, with Stalin on their side, now have a majority in the political bureau. They think that a slow process of moving Soviet state frontiers westward by force has very little to commend it. They also think that the seizure of strategic vantage points by warlike means, while desirable, has limits if almost immediate world war is to be averted.

They think that Soviet policy should be concentrated upon consolidating the satellite states, especially Yugoslavia, Bulgaria and Roumania, and that undermining the internal security of other countries in Western Europe, the Mediterranean area, the Near East, Central Asia and the Far East is to be done by every possible means short of general world war.

The Politburo reckons that while the Soviet Union needs five years in order to be ready for anything, they could manage to squeeze through in three. They reckon the time for action will have to be fixed according to the economic crisis in America and Great Britain, upon which they so heavily reckon. If that crisis comes early they will act sooner than 1952, if it comes later they will change their program. They believe that crisis will be so serious that they will, in fact, never have to face anything like a long, drawn-out world struggle, but to be strong is nevertheless necessary.

We think the danger will be as great if they are disap-

pointed and find that the crisis in America and Britain does not materialize to the point of such dire calamity as they reckon. These men will be awkward in such a bitter disappointment.

The importance which the Russian government attaches to Communist parties abroad can be gauged from the fact that Col. General Zhdanov is personally directing their activities as supreme head of the Cominform.

He is a man of dynamic energy, brutal, merciless, very shrewd and with an exceptional gift for organization. Many of the chief Russian agents now operating abroad have been picked by him personally and are only known to him and a limited number at the highest level. They are special men who have been given unlimited money. Amongst compulsory qualifications is capacity to speak with perfection the language of the countries in which they are working.

Important Events Within the Orthodox Church

The Russian Orthodox Church, under the leadership of Patriarch Alexej of Moscow and Archbishop Gregory of Leningrad, has just received an order from the Politburo to entirely reorganize itself by calling a central orthodox council for the spring. Until now, the calling of such a council has been stopped by the refusal of the Rumanian patriarch to collaborate.

Under pressure from Russia, the Rumanians have now accepted. This central council will attempt to unify the whole Orthodox Church inside and outside Russia as a centrally directed body from Moscow, making it a very efficient political machine.

Our observer tells us this central council, the meeting of which has not yet been announced, will be of greatest importance in Soviet political strategy throughout the area behind the iron curtain. It ought to be watched with very great care.

The only powerful opponent to the Moscow patriarch has been driven out. It is probable that the Soviet government will gain almost complete control of the whole Orthodox Church. This may have far reaching effect in the Middle East and elsewhere.

The Situation in Greece

It is very important to remember that Greece is not fighting a handful of insurgents, but heavily armed, well organized forces sent across the frontier by strong nations supported by the Soviet Union. Moreover, geographical conditions make things most difficult. The northern frontier of Greece and the whole northern region is one of the most awkward in the world for military purposes. It is most favorable for insurgent and guerilla warfare.

The rebel forces are numerous, well equipped and well led. Most of their arms are German. They also have some British and American arms, which were supplied to Tito during the war. Most of their officers freely admit the support of Russia's Balkan satellites and they prophesy that direct Russian help will come soon if needed. They believe and they say that they are fighting an enemy whose hands are tied behind his back and who must, therefore, finally collapse.

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The Kingdom Established By God

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CHAPTER V

FOLLOWING THE DESCRIPTION of the image of gold, silver, brass and iron, Daniel told the King of Babylon that he saw in his dream, apart from the image, a stone cut out of the mountain without hands. That stone, so Daniel informed the King, struck the image upon its feet, which were partly of iron and partly of clay, breaking the feet and destroying the image, grinding it to powder. Then the stone grew into a mountain and filled the whole earth.

Emblem of the Kingdom

In his interpretation of the meaning of the stone, which Nebuchadnezzar saw strike and destroy the image, Daniel stated it represented a kingdom which would be set up by the God of Heaven. This statement is clear and, because the stone represents the Kingdom of God, Bible students, with hardly an exception, accept it as the emblem of the Kingdom of God. However, because many of those same students have refused to recognize all that the Bible has to say about that Kingdom, and in order that they may jump the many hurdles that the failure to accept all the *literal* statements of the Scriptures place in their way, those scholars have spiritualized the meaning of the Kingdom. We are told by them that this fifth empire, or Stone Kingdom, of Daniel does not represent a literal kingdom like the gold, silver, brass and iron empires, but that it is the spiritual Kingdom of our Lord, having no material aspect at all. They seem to be wholly unaware of the illogical position they occupy. For, if the four metals which made up the image are literal kingdoms, and are as much a part of the earth as the ore from which the metals were refined, then by what method of reasoning or logic do they make the stone represent a spiritual Kingdom only since it is just as much a part of the

earth as the ore was? It was also cut out of the same mountain from which the ore was taken. The only difference between the ore and the stone is that the ore was taken from the mountain by men who refined it into the metals in which it appeared in the image; the stone, though also of the earth, was cut out of the mountain without the assistance of men. Daniel declared it was "cut out without hands."

The Days of Those Kings

The fact that the stone smashes the image by physical contact is further evidence that it must also represent a kingdom which has a physical existence upon earth. There is not one single shred of evidence in Daniel to justify the contention that the Prophet in any way intended to convey the idea that the first four kingdoms represented earthly governments but that the fifth was not of the earth, being entirely spiritual. Let us follow Daniel's explanation and from the account given by him endeavor to identify this fifth World Empire, or Stone Kingdom. Daniel states the time when the fifth kingdom would be organized:

"In the days of these kings shall the God of heaven set up a kingdom, which shall never be destroyed." (Dan. 2: 44.)

Ferrar Fenton renders this:

"But in the days of those kings, the God of Heaven will establish an Everlasting Empire, and Indestructible."

Feet of the Image

Who are the kings in whose days the God of Heaven would set up a kingdom? Students who spiritualize the Kingdom jump this hurdle of accurate identification by telling us it is in the days of the ten kings represented by the toes of the image that the Kingdom will, according to them, be established when Jesus Christ returns and sets up His government. Then, and not until then, they say, the entire image will be

destroyed. If this interpretation were true, the stone should be shown as hitting the toes of the image, not its feet. Daniel declares, however, that not only the toes but the feet of the image were made of clay and iron and definitely states that the stone struck the feet of the image (Dan. 2: 34). This one fact alone invalidates the contention and arguments of the spiritualizers that the stone is to appear when the nations represented in the ten toes are about to come to their end. There is, however, a solution to the problem that will identify "those kings" of whom Daniel is speaking.

The Four Kings

Actually, Daniel referred to only four kingdoms apart from the fifth, or stone, kingdom. The feet and toes of clay are a part of the Roman Empire though in a weakened condition, partly strong and partly broken or, as this should be translated, *brittle*. Therefore, the only kings to whom Daniel would be referring are the heads of the four empires and, thus, he referred to the days of Babylon, Medo-Persia, Greece and Rome as the time when the God of Heaven would set up a kingdom. Before giving additional evidence to prove this point, let us first see if we can find, as a matter of historical record, that the God of Heaven did set up an earthly kingdom. This is important and the students of Scripture who have failed to thoroughly check history to see if God did so organize a kingdom have been negligent in their study and research.

We have already referred to the fact that Bible students accept the little stone of Daniel as representative of the Kingdom of God and of our Lord and Saviour. With this we can be in perfect agreement. But when they tell us that Kingdom has not yet been established, and that this event will not take place until the Second Advent of our

Lord, we most certainly differ with them. As a matter of fact, history proves their contention to be wholly wrong for the God of Heaven did set up a kingdom, fulfilling in every detail all that Daniel said about it and the time of its establishment.

Kingdom of Our Lord

Because all Bible students are in agreement that the Stone Kingdom of Daniel must represent the Kingdom over which Jesus Christ is to reign, let us turn to the New Testament and read what the Angel said to Mary in the Annunciation:

"Behold, thou shalt conceive in thy womb, and bring forth a son, and shalt call his name Jesus. He shall be great, and shall be called the Son of the Highest: and the Lord God shall give unto him the throne of his father David: And he shall reign over the house of Jacob for ever; and of his kingdom there shall be no end." (Luke 1: 31-33.)

Christian leaders in the Christian Church have recognized and accepted the fact that Mary did give birth to a Son, that His name was called Jesus, that He has become great and is called the Son of the Highest. No true Christian will deny any one of these statements, for they are all literally fulfilled and upon the basis of that literal fulfillment the Church of Christ stands today.

House of Jacob

It is logical to say that the Kingdom over which Jesus Christ is to reign forever is the Kingdom of God. The stone to which Daniel refers is the emblem of that Kingdom. With these statements no reasonable man can disagree. But the Angel told Mary that the Kingdom over which Jesus Christ is to reign forever is "the House of Jacob." Of this Kingdom—the House of Jacob—the Angel said there would be no end, and Daniel declared that the Stone Kingdom would endure forever. Upon the basis of the statements made by the Angel concerning the House of Jacob, and in conjunction with the declaration of Daniel concerning the Stone Kingdom, this fifth kingdom of Daniel must be none other than the House of Jacob. Surely it is as logical to expect as literal and exact a fulfillment of the final statements of the Angel to Mary as we have witnessed concerning the first portion of the Annunciation. Jesus Christ was born

to be a King so the Angel declared: 1st) God will give to him the throne of his father David; 2nd) He will reign over the House of Jacob forever; 3rd) of His Kingdom (the House of Jacob) there shall be no end.

The Little Stone

Without going into the details at this time regarding the Throne of David—an actual, literal throne established over the House of Jacob—let us mark carefully the Angel's statement that Jesus Christ is to rule over the House of Jacob forever. This makes the little stone of Daniel the emblem of the House of Jacob.

Does history supply us with the evidence that the God of Heaven did set up a kingdom and that it was the House of Jacob? We find that at Mount Sinai in 1487 B.C. the God of Heaven did organize a kingdom:

"And Moses went up unto God, and the Lord called unto him out of the mountain, saying, Thus shalt thou say to the house of Jacob, and tell the children of Israel . . . And ye shall be unto me a kingdom of priests, and an holy nation. These are the words which thou shalt speak unto the children of Israel." (Ex. 19: 3-6.)

History of the Kingdom

At Mount Sinai the House of Jacob was organized into the Kingdom of God upon earth. The facts of that organization are clearly presented in the 19th and 20th chapters of Exodus and only the man who closes his eyes and shuts his mind to reality will deny this fact. In the Bible, as well as in secular records, we may follow the history of that Kingdom. In 970-969 B.C. the House of Israel revolted from the rule of Solomon's son and from that day forward the Kingdom was divided into two parts. During the years from 914 to 853 B.C. Israel's power and fame was greatly reduced and by 740 B.C. the first Assyrian invasion of Israel's land led to the carrying away into captivity of the half-tribe of Manasseh. By 721-719 B.C. Samaria was captured and the great captivity of the House of Israel (the 10-tribed northern Kingdom) began and the people were placed in the cities of the Medes.

The House of Judah (the 2-tribed southern Kingdom) suffered a similar fate, for by 604 B.C. the first captivity of Judah began and Daniel and his companions were taken to Babylon. By 585 B.C. Jerusalem was taken by the enemy, the city and Temple de-

stroyed, and the captivity and deportation of Judah completed.

The Appointed Place

Following the captivity of Judah, and during the years that Nebuchadnezzar and his sons were reigning in Babylon, Jeremiah carried out his mission "to build and to plant" (see *Study in Jeremiah*, pages 279 to 299). The God of Heaven who had established His Kingdom at Mount Sinai was actually transplanting and setting up that Kingdom in the Isles of the Sea, far removed from the trouble and turmoil that followed the reign of the Babylonian Succession of Empires. It was to the "appointed place" that Jeremiah had gone and there he planted the Seed Royal of the House of David. The Prophet Nathan told David of such a place to be appointed by God:

"Moreover I will appoint a place for my people Israel, and will plant them, that they may dwell in a place of their own, and move no more; neither shall the children of wickedness afflict them any more, as beforetime." (II Sam. 7: 10.)

Jeremiah planted the Throne in the Isles and later on Israel trekked to that appointed place, but their King had gone on before them. Speaking of these facts, and the breaking up of Israel as they followed their King to the place where the House of Jacob eventually became a multitude of people, Micah prophesied:

"I will surely assemble, O Jacob, all of thee; I will surely gather the remnant of Israel; I will put them together as the sheep of Bozrah, as the flock in the midst of their fold: they shall make great noise by reason of the multitude of men. The breaker is come up before them: they have broken up, and have passed through the gate, and are gone out by it: and their king shall pass before them, and the Lord on the head of them." (Micah 2: 12-13.)

Setting Up the Kingdom

Throughout the entire period of the activity of the Babylonian Succession of Empires, the God of Heaven was setting up His Kingdom. Thus Isaiah could say:

"Of the increase of his government and peace there shall be no end, upon the throne of David, and upon his kingdom, to order it, and to establish it with judgment and with justice from henceforth even for ever. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will perform this." (Isa. 9: 7.)

According to this statement of the Prophet Isaiah, the setting up of the

Kingdom of God was not accomplished in a moment for, following its *organization* at Mount Sinai, we find that it was a process covering centuries of time. During the ages the Kingdom was growing and expanding under the direction and leadership of the Lord of Hosts. How foolish, then, for men to say this Kingdom is to suddenly come into being after the Babylonian Succession has disappeared.

Gathering the People

History reveals that after their King had passed on before them to the Isles the House of Israel left the land of their Assyrian captors, moving through the "gates" of the Caucasus Mountains as they trekked from Asia into central and southern Europe. We find them in the early days of the Roman Empire moving toward the "appointed place." By 1066 A.D. the final group of Israel peoples, during what secular history calls the Norman Conquest, arrived in the Isles, completing the overland trek to the appointed place. From then on the Kingdom began to consolidate its position and grow as God prospered His people.

The Chronology of the Kingdom

Thus, God established His Kingdom at Mount Sinai in 1487 B.C. and later, in 585-83 B.C., set the throne of that Kingdom in the Isles of the sea. Consequently, it was during a period of a little over 2,520 years that the God of Heaven established, transplanted and set up His Kingdom during the days of those kings — that is, of Babylon, Medo-Persia, Greece and Rome — in accurate fulfillment of Daniel's statements to the Babylonian King.

The Chronology of the Empires

Let us briefly establish the chronological boundaries of the four World Empires, for by so doing we will see how accurately Daniel spoke when he referred to the Kingdom of God coming into being during the reign of those kings.

The foundation of the Stone Kingdom was laid in 1487 B.C. Meanwhile, the Babylonian Empire arose out of Assyria. Assyrian independence began about 1900 B.C. but Assyria was a weak state between 1500 and 1400 B.C. It gained mastery over Babylon through conquest by Tiglath-Adar (1300 B.C.).

Rise of Babylon

Tiglath-Pileser I. (1130 B.C.) spread his conquest to the Mediterranean and

Caspian Seas on the west, and south to the Persian Gulf. Out of the Assyrian Empire arose the supremacy of Babylon when Nabopolassar, the father of Nebuchadnezzar, in conjunction with Ajaxares, King of the Medes, besieged and captured Nineveh in 625 B.C. By 606 B.C. Nebuchadnezzar had established his Kingdom.

Rise of Medo-Persia

The Medo-Persian Empire began its rise with the fall of Assyria (647-625 B.C.) in the Median struggle for independence. But it was not until Cyrus conquered Babylon in 538 B.C. that the Medo-Persians became the second great World Empire.

Grecian Empire

The formative period of Greece is set by the historians as 776 B.C. to 500 B.C. By 334 B.C., when Alexander the Great conquered the Persian Army, the third World Empire had come into existence.

Founding of Rome

Roman legend ascribes the founding of the City of Rome to Romulus about 753 B.C. By 31 B.C. this city had become the capital of the fourth World Empire.

Important 150 Years

From a study of the chronology of these four World Empires we find their foundations were being laid between 776 and 625 B.C., a period of only 150 years. During this same period Jehovah, the God of Israel, was bringing pressure upon the Houses of Israel and Judah, preparing to cleanse both houses of evil in order that He might ultimately gather the Kingdom people to Himself in righteousness. Those years saw the beginning of the Seven Times of punishment that would end in the final cleansing of the Kingdom which would prepare them for the assumption of world rulership after the end of the "Times of the Gentiles." Thus, from the time that the foundation of God's Kingdom was laid at Mount Sinai, throughout the centuries that the Babylonian Succession of Empires has held sway, God has been schooling His people, first in the wilderness when they received His laws to administer, then in practical experience in their administration in the land of Palestine. Then came the long period of advanced schooling in the "wilderness of the people" as Israel moved westward, followed by the

gathering into the appointed place, after which the "little stone" was to strike the feet of the Babylonian image.

The nation which accomplished this task of smiting the image upon its feet, "breaking in pieces and consuming all these kingdoms," can be none other than the people of the Stone Kingdom. But even with this phase of their task accomplished, the Kingdom was still only the "little stone." Continuing as a little stone, they have grown into a company of nations and a great people in these latter days (see *Documentary Studies*, Part IV, "Evidence of Identity").

Established Forever

The growth of the Stone Kingdom into a mountain that will fill the whole earth will not reach its climax until Jesus Christ, King of Kings, returns to take the Throne of His father David and reign over the House of Jacob forever. It is well to remember in this day — when men's hearts are failing them as the possibility of total destruction looms before them because of the atom bomb — the promise given by the Angel to Mary and through Daniel the Prophet that His Kingdom, the House of Jacob, or stone of Nebuchadnezzar's dream, *shall endure forever*. Isaiah could therefore say:

"No weapon that is formed against thee shall prosper; and every tongue that shall rise against thee in judgment thou shalt condemn. This is the heritage of the servants of the Lord, and their righteousness is of me, saith the Lord." (Isa. 54: 17.)

In view of this statement Daniel's declaration regarding the Kingdom, that it "shall never be destroyed," takes on new meaning and we need not fear, even in this era of atomic bombs. Furthermore, Daniel declares that this Kingdom will not be left to any other people.

Growing Into a Mountain

Micah had a vision of the day when the Stone Kingdom, the House of Jacob, would become a universal kingdom:

"But in the last days it shall come to pass, that the mountain of the house of the Lord shall be established in the top of the mountains, and it shall be exalted above the hills; and people shall flow unto it. And many nations shall come, and say, Come, and let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, and to the house of the God of Jacob; and he will teach us of his ways, and we will walk in his paths: for the law

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shall go forth of Zion, and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem." (Micah 4: 1-2.)

With the mountain phase of kingdom growth an accomplished fact, and with Jesus Christ ruling from the Throne of His father David over the House of Jacob, the result will be:

"And he shall judge among many people, and rebuke strong nations afar off; and they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruninghooks: nations shall not lift up a sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more." (Micah 4: 3.)

Before this can take place, however,

Israel, as God's battle ax and weapons of war, must perform the task of completing the total destruction of the entire Babylonian image. Summarizing the elements of the image, Daniel significantly reversed their order of appearance when he climaxed his description of Nebuchadnezzar's dream:

"Then was the iron, the clay, the brass, the silver, and the gold, broken to pieces together, and became like the chaff of the summer threshingfloors; and the wind carried them away, that no place was found for them." (Dan. 2: 35.)

Then, and not until then, will the way be opened for the stone to become a great mountain and fill the whole earth.

This is the final chapter of *Study in Daniel* to appear as a serial installment in *DESTINY*. The secrets concealed for centuries in the Book of Daniel are now revealed and we have the answer to Daniel's question, "O my Lord, what shall be the end of these things?" Because this information is now known, it is felt that *Study in Daniel* should be made available as a book immediately rather than await the completion of its publication as a serial in *DESTINY*. Those who desire to understand the marvelous visions given to Daniel the Prophet may turn to pages 126-7 in this issue for further information about this new book.



The Story of the Zodiac

WHEN THE SIGNS of the Zodiac are read in the following order we have an understanding of the story told by these signs.

1) VIRGO — the Virgin, long before the Christian era pictured as a female figure holding an infant. Here is recognized the seed, the offspring of the woman.

2) The next sign, the SCALES, at once conveys the idea of purchase. He came to buy or redeem.

3) Next is the figure of a man grasping a serpent as in conflict, his foot on the head of the SCORPION, whose sting appears to have wounded his heel. Here the seed, the offspring of the woman, is bruising the enemy's head after having received the predicted bruise in the heel.

4) The next sign, the ARCHER, an arrow is coming forth from the bow. Here is expressed, "He shall come and speedily and surely."

5) Then comes the KID, or goat, sinking down as the sacrifice appointed to be slain for sin.

6) Then the man, the WATER BEARER, is arising and pouring out water to purify and sustain life.

7) Next comes TWO FISHES joined together by a band; water is their element; abundantly multiplying is their characteristic. It will be recognized that this is a fitting emblem of the Church of Christ.

8) The LAMB, or young Ram, is next "as it had been slain," but now living on high.

9) The BULL, also a sacrificial animal, but living and in an attitude of victory.

10) The TWINS, the closest visible image of two natures in one person. The Scriptural believer will not fail to recognize their import.

11) The CRAB is the next, which originally was depicted as an eagle. Here is a true picture of the untiring efforts of the Christian for "they that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run and not be weary; and they shall walk and not faint." (Isa. 40: 31.)

12) Finally, the LION, the conqueror rending apart whatever he seizes. In the sign of Leo, the lion, is represented the serpent's final destruction and the final triumph of the Lion of the Tribe of Judah. He is exhibited in this sign as a mighty lion coming forth to finally rend his prey. Beneath his feet coils a serpent, whose name is Hydra, or the abhorred. Two constellations are linked with Hydra. The first is a cup resting on it; the other is a Raven picking at the serpent. Here, then, is depicted the end: the cup of Divine wrath poured out "without mixture" upon the devil, his works and his allies; the bird of prey devouring the dead carcass of the enemy of God and man.

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Comments and Conclusions

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WESTWARD THE COURSE OF empire takes its way" was a saying wrought out of the universal excitement that affected the world when America first loomed large in the European eye. The prophecy fulfilled itself insofar as the movement of the peoples to America is concerned, but there is no reason to suppose that this movement to America finally fulfilled and terminated the prophecy. True foretellings are likely to have life beyond the events that seem to complete them. A Principle, once opened, flows on forever. Westward, ever westward, is a trend that never has ceased. It is going on today. It is the diapason of our people's history from of old. Westward came Abraham, and ever westward the Tribes of Israel. Westward from Europe came our people. Walled in between the mountains and the sea they formed that distinguished type of character that we know as the New England type. We know it by that name not because of geography but because of faith: vital Christian principles dominated the New England colonies and the fruit thereof was a character which came to be known as distinctively American. It decided our every national crisis up to the 1870's. The reason our later crises have lingered so long and grown more troublesome is that we no longer have that type of character in control of national action.

Then, when that character was fully formed in that training school between the mountains and the sea, our people broke through their confining western hills and streamed through New York to Ohio, Michigan and Illinois, through Virginia to Kentucky and Tennessee. In a second great wave they penetrated the Rockies to the Pacific Coast and later, filling the gaps between, they gave life to Texas and Oklahoma. Ever westward! Then to Hawaii — to the Philippines — and now to Japan and the Orient itself — ever westward! There is no reason to believe this westward trend which brings us East and then to West again will ever end.

IT GIVES ONE THOUGHTS which are not easy to utter when one considers our age-long and much-ignored connection with the Orient — this westward trend which eventually brings us East. *Columbus was looking for Japan when he stumbled over America.* He had read in Marco Polo that the large *Island of Cipango* lay off the east coast of China, and as Columbus was seeking a nearer way westward to the Orient, he thought that on approaching China from the west he would first come across Cipango (Japan). When he arrived at the West Indies (they are not Indies at all, but Columbus thought they were) he asked everywhere if this was Cipango. He thought the islands might be off Cipango's shore. For he knew that when he reached Cipango, the next land would be China — the Orient. It is a curious quirk of history that a man seeking Japan should find America instead. It seems from the very beginning to join these two countries together in a way too mystical to express — two countries that since have been joined in an experience entirely new and extremely significant both to them and the whole world.

Why did we ever go West? As well ask the Earth why it turns West. In the beginning, it was the Word of God that we should go West, and not East — that we should eventually come East by the way of the West. So, when at last our people, in their westward journeying, came to the Pacific Coast, there was Japan, their nearest national neighbor on the West. And today she is still our nearest national neighbor on the West. Nearer to us than ever now, in bonds of destiny.

WE NEED TO KNOW A LITTLE about that. Japan was discovered by the Portuguese 50 years after Columbus (all unknowingly) had discovered America. "Discovered" seems hardly the word for a nation as ancient and as well organized as Japan was. The Japanese received the white newcomers with every hospitality. They were free to travel anywhere, to settle, to trade, to intermarry, to introduce their religion and their priests. Japan had 35 religions and the Emperor thought one more could do no harm. One of the missionaries was the great Francis Xavier, and had all the missionaries and other white people been like him, the history of Japan and of the world might have been very different.

Then two things occurred that as greatly shocked the Japanese as they distressed Francis Xavier. Attracted by a rich new mission field, competing ecclesiastical orders of the same church arrived to share the rewards, and neither their own faith nor the pleadings of Xavier were sufficient to make them dwell together in unity. The Japanese had a spectacle of greed and disunion quite foreign to their experience.

Then the Dutch, envious of the trade advantages enjoyed by the Portuguese, "planted" some letters aboard a Portuguese ship which purported to be plans of the King of Portugal to seize the Kingdom of Japan by means of his "missionary spies." The Dutch contrived that the Japanese should see those letters. That they were spurious and the "plan" a fiction could not, of course, be known by the Japanese, and they completely turned against all white people with a suspicion and dislike that endured for the next two centuries.

The immediate consequences were these: every white person was ordered from the country on pain of death; every Japanese Christian was ordered to renounce his faith and literally trample the Cross, or suffer death. Many refused and suffered martyrdom. A clandestine form of Christianity survived in families from 1639 until Perry's arrival in 1853. But only 90 years sufficed for the white people to wear out their welcome in Japan. (It should be noted that it was only about another 90-year period between the "opening of Japan" by Perry and Japan's attack on the United States.) The Japanese reaction to their first experience with the white man was very drastic. Laws were made forbidding white people ever to land on Japan. Japanese were forbidden by law to leave their country. It was forbidden to build boats that could go far from shore. Any native leaving his land and attempting to re-

turn was to suffer death. If a Japanese fisherman were driven by storm to another shore, and sought to return, it made no difference — the penalty was death. Several times Japanese sailors were blown by storm as far as our Pacific shores, but all merciful attempts to restore them to their native land were met with resistance. Japan was through with the world!

FOR 200 YEARS PERIODIC examinations were made by the authorities to discover if any shred of Christian faith remained in the islands. Whole communities were called out for the ceremony of "the trampling of the cross," and anyone who hesitated was doomed. The method was this: a shallow trench, six or eight inches deep and two feet square was dug in the center of the village; in it was laid an iron cross and over it an iron grating. The people walked over the iron grill to prove that they were not Christians. There visited the United States just prior to 1914 a Japanese Christian named Paul Konamura (he took the name "Paul" on his conversion: he was famous for his "three-hour sermon" which was the one sermon he preached — changing his audiences constantly, but never his subject.) He remembered being taken in his childhood to the "trampling of the cross," and when he asked his grandmother what was that thing they walked over, she told him it was "the devil of Japan."

That was the attitude of the Japanese toward white people and Christianity as the result of their experience with the Portuguese, and it lasted for more than 200 years, or until the arrival of Commodore Perry of the United States Navy. He went knocking at the closed doors of the Japanese Kingdom — knocking peaceably — and in him *we had gone West again.*

Why? The reason was simple. In 1837 a Japanese junk with seven sailors and a small cargo of rice were blown by a storm clear across the Pacific Ocean and months later were cast ashore near the mouth of the Columbia River. There some Americans arranged for their return by way of China, and American residents in China arranged for the missionary ship *Morrison* to carry them to Japan. But the Japanese drove their compatriots off — they had been absent from Japan! In 1849 sixteen American sailors were shipwrecked on the coast of Japan and, of course, it was against Japanese law for a foreigner to be shipwrecked on Japan's coast. So these sixteen were offered a choice between death and the trampling of the cross. Their choice is indicated by the fact that they were still alive, although in prison, 17 months later. Hearing of their plight, an American warship in Chinese waters secured their release under threat of bombardment.

MEANWHILE, AMERICAN TRADE was growing in the Pacific. The long way around Africa was now shortened by ships being sent around the Cape of Good Hope or by ships being built on the Pacific Coast and sent directly across the Pacific to the Orient. But there was Japan, a barrier 900 miles long, lying straight across the route to China. And Japan was closed. No ship could stop there for repairs, food, fuel, water or any other aid. Ships needing supplies had to go a good 2,000 miles farther to Hong Kong. And that drove us West again to ask Japan to open one or two ports at which ships might call for necessary supplies, and also to make arrangements whereby shipwrecked American seamen would not be murdered as trespassers on Japanese soil. For years all such requests were ignored. At last, in 1850, Commodore Perry was commissioned to make a

treaty with Japan, and in 1852 he sailed — going the long way round the world. With consummate patience and skill, and with an open and intentional observance of all Christian principles and practices, without violence or threats of any sort, he accomplished his purpose. It is one of the great pages of our nation's story.



IT WAS RUSSIA THAT STARTED me thinking about Japan. Recalling some of the characteristic attitudes of medieval Japan, it came to me very forcibly that Russia is precisely reproducing them. In fact, it came to me very forcibly — what we should have remembered but what most of us have forgotten — that Russia is an Oriental nation. As one result of our westward trek, it is not only China and Japan we are facing — two nations that undoubtedly will be our friends throughout the foreseeable future — but we also face a third Oriental nation, Russia. And the Russian *people* also could be our friends, for the *people* think in much the same way we do. But as has occurred in so many European countries, the rulers are not of the same stock as the people. The real rulers of Russia today, as indeed part of the people, are Oriental, and that fact throws much light on the scene.

When I say we are facing Russia, I do not mean we are facing her in Europe, though it is in that direction that American eyes are mostly focused. Europe, as such, no longer exists. Her time has run out. She is now the hinterland of the Orient. Our politicians do not yet understand that. Russia regards Europe as a slave-country, a buffer between herself and Britain. Her great concern is on the East, where she faces the United States coming West. She is beginning to feel hemmed in between the United States and Britain. On the one hand is Britain, spiritual ruler of what remains, and of what is destined to become, of Europe; on the other hand is the United States, present and coming spiritual ruler of Asia. Britain was always drawn to the Far East: much of her work there now appears to be finished, or is entering on a new phase. The United States has always been drawn to the West — farther and farther West — until now West becomes Far East. The Israel peoples seem to be drawing together from opposite directions around the world. The impact for the good of the United States in the Far East has not been equalled by any nation, the probable reason being that our entry upon the East came at a time in the world's moral consciousness when more idealistic aims motivated Anglo-Saxon national action.

RUSSIA, AS AN ORIENTAL NATION, is duplicating at the behest of her rulers the same procedure that Japan followed in her most darkened times. The figurative "iron curtain" of Russia was preceded by an actual cotton curtain in Japan. When Commodore Perry's ships first anchored off Japan, long *curtains of cloth* were raised along the shore so the newcomers might see nothing of Japanese life, and when Perry landed he passed along the streets through two continuous lines of curtains set up before the house fronts and designed to prevent the populace from looking upon the foreigner. Japan wanted the world to know nothing about her, and wanted her people to know nothing about the world. Russia today wants the world to know nothing about her, and wants her people to know nothing about the world except what is wrong — that is, she wants her people to believe that the rest of the world is far inferior

to Russia, and for that reason bears enmity to Russia.

This is the Russian attitude, as it was the Japanese attitude, and she enforces it, as Japan did. No one may leave Russia today. Russia's highest legislative body recently confirmed the edict that no Russian woman, marrying a foreigner, may follow her husband out of the country. Few foreigners are permitted in Russia, and those few are carefully scrutinized, and most of them live under prison-like restrictions while they remain in the country. The few Russian officials who are permitted to leave the country on diplomatic missions are schooled against making friends with the people amongst whom they dwell. They are carefully spied upon as to this and frequently changed. This explains their behaving as sullen schoolboys when out amongst other people; it explains the truculence of the Russian representatives abroad. The Russian himself is naturally a friendly person, but his masters inoculate him with suspicion of the friendliness of other peoples.

Japan's first negotiations with the United States more than 90 years ago were conducted with the same suspicion and unreliability that have marked Russian negotiations thus far. In those now far-off negotiations the Japanese shifted their ground from day to day; they prevaricated, procrastinated, backed and filled, and when a dishonest plausibility failed them, they tried audacity. Oriental and, as we now see, very Russian too.

HOWEVER, COMMODORE PERRY and Townsend Harris, our first Consul General to Japan, found the way to deal with that sort of thing and finally brought the Japanese to terms. First, they were scrupulously honest in their every word and intention; second, they used firm and fearless frankness in confronting the Japanese with our knowledge of their attempted trickery. Trickery is always childish; frank honesty is adult; and it is not difficult to make the first feel its inferiority to the second. It is essential in dealing with unreliable people to maintain a moral aloofness from their trend of thought: "O my soul, come not thou into their secret; unto their assembly, mine honor, be not thou united." Much of our difficulty with Russia began because — representatively, through some of our officials — we *did* come into their secret, and led on by false appearances, we *did* unite our honor with them; they thought that we were like themselves. Well, it has proved for us a guilty secret, and for them a distrust of our honor.

Russia is Oriental in her belief in slavery — *Oriental*, not Soviet. Sovietism could only be grafted on an Oriental stem, and the belief in slavery grows out of that stem. One of the delusions of war is that a nation can get rich by robbing its neighbor nation and can build up itself by the labor of slaves. All history, which is but Truth working itself out into manifestations, teaches the contrary: no slave state has survived, and Russia is a slave state. Germany also was a slave state for a time after World War I — "he opened not the house of his prisoners" — and the results were only about 25 years in appearing.

THE WHY OF RUSSIA'S ATTITUDE toward the West is no longer a secret. She is afraid. Afraid within, afraid without. Her determination to prevent her people from knowing about the world they live in, or knowing the whole truth about the Russian position in the world, indicates fear of the effect that knowledge would have on them. Her fear of having the outside world know her, indicates fear of disclosing her deplorable interior condition. She can show army divisions, but not the economy necessary to back

them up. There is no longer any mystery about Russia: she is afraid. She senses her inadequacy to the demands of the modern world. Her iron curtain is the sign of an inferiority complex.

On our part, we should do nothing to increase her fear, for fear-driven weakness may become very damaging, and, like Hitler, it may discount the damage it does itself for the sake of that which it may do to others. Russia should be left alone. The greatest strengthener the Soviets have had in all their turbulent career is the success of their strategy in stirring apprehension in the rest of the world. We gave her serious attention because we regarded her as a recent war ally. Now that we know her better, let us leave her alone. Don't answer her. She is not in any sense necessary to the world. In her own interests she may have a certain nuisance value, but she dare not go too far in trading on it. Let her make her iron curtain as impenetrable as she likes. For our part let us not provide fuel for her false fires by answering her; let us restrict her efforts to undermine or conquer and, for the rest, ignore her as one whom the world doesn't fear and as one who really doesn't count in the present scheme of things. That will be much easier on the nerves of the Western world, and much harder on the nerves of Russia.



IN THOSE WHO ARE VICTIMS of it, the lust for place or power overcomes all other considerations. The lure of the limelight is so strong in those inured to its delusion that it becomes an addiction. This will diagnose for you the interesting reversals of loyalty which have been so deftly made of late by some of our most prominent citizens. Not long ago some of them were writing novels which presented the American way of life as a rather degraded thing, after which they traveled in the USSR and found it a land of free and happy people. While they were excoriating America it became quite the fashion in certain high circles to follow them, invite them to official residences to tea, and praise them as "fearless liberals." From the White House to the critics of New York they ranked as rather significant personages in the American scene. But now, they rather soft-pedal the anti-American note, and would have us accept them anew as sober, competent, informed observers of the contemporary scene. The limelight has shifted, and they would shift with it.

If you remember who they are (and our memories for the undercover enemies of our country are lamentably short), do not receive them as worthy of attention. As wolves we knew them before, and they wore wolf's clothing; now that they appear as sheep, we have the right to infer that the fleece is synthetic and temporary. What they really want is to keep our ear. But it would be much more becoming were they to go away back and sit down and repent in shame and silence. If they insist on capitalizing their "repentance," or making light of their treason, they are all the more suspect.

WE HAVE ALSO IN OUR MIDST A TYPE of daily publicist who attained his or her position, not necessarily by merit but by advantageous connections, who used to dally delightedly with every imported social vagary that has been used to muddle the American mind these last 15 or 20 years; the type that hobnobbed with so-called "liberals" (the most illiberal species this nation ever has spawned), and that boosted them into government positions, and that

gurgled in columns and lectures about every alien thing and never about Americanism, and that now suddenly and solemnly informs us that we should awaken to the fact that Communism is in our midst! That is their way of covering up their indecent dalliance with principles that almost threw this nation off its balance. *Don't trust these either:* whether man or woman, don't receive them. If they had the good taste that belongs to honest sincerity, they would openly confess their error, and retire to repent in silence. But, no, they must continue as our public mentors. As they once misled us, they now would still continue to "lead" us; they must, at all costs, preserve their place in the limelight and their control of our ears.

Some of these people have been detached from their places of influence, others have been dropped by the government, *none* have been dropped from the public press, and all are switching with the changing currents of the times; yet the voice which now pretends to be Jacob is the same voice we knew as Esau.

It is rather an appalling spectacle to see men who gouged their fellow-citizens under stress of war, men who foisted practices on their neighbors more befitting an army of occupation, now posing as true believers in American ideas and American decency. If you know what they once were, don't trust them.

This may seem like an attitude of unforgiveness. It is not. Personally, I may forgive them freely, so far as their being fellow human creatures is concerned, but I may not reinstate them in a position to do more mischief to the popular mind or the country. And when we restore them to our confidence, that is what we do; we restore them to their public position as leaders. I doubt if anyone has the right to do that in the things that vitally concern one hundred and thirty million American citizens.



JESUS IS NOT OFTEN THOUGHT of as a Prophet. It was in that guise, however, that He appeared to most of the people who knew Him while He moved amongst them in the flesh. "Some say that thou art John the Baptist: some Elias; and others Jeremias, or one of the prophets." "And the multitude said, This is Jesus, the prophet of Nazareth of Galilee." "But when they [the chief priests and Pharisees] sought to lay hands on him [Jesus], they feared the multitude, because they took him for a prophet." "And there came an awe on all: and they glorified God, saying, That a great prophet is risen up among us; and, That God hath visited His people." But in our day the prophetic work of the Lord is little thought of, or only one part of it is emphasized. As a Prophet, Jesus was very useful to the people of His day: He told them what to do when they saw Jerusalem compassed with armies (and I suppose His counsel is still good for His people now that Jerusalem is again being compassed with armies). In the first event His word saved the lives of thousands.

There has just come to my knowledge another phase of Jesus' prophetic work that is worth a note in these Comments, and that is the fulfillment of His word on the cities of His time. I am indebted for this very pertinent reminder to William Holman-Hunt, whom you will recall as the painter of that famous religious picture "The Light of the World" which hangs (or did) in the south aisle of St. Paul's Cathedral, London. In a letter to Edward Clodd, a noted literary man and agnostic, Holman-Hunt wrote:

"I have heard you say that some German critic found out two hundred and fifty (or something like it) unfulfilled prophecies in the Bible. I do not believe the Biblical critics one bit. I know that when I go to the site of Tiberias the only city I see standing there is Tiberias, the one which most of all was hateful to Jesus. Not one word was uttered against it by Jesus, but Capernaum and the other humble and comparatively pious places were denounced and doomed, and not one of them exists. Go to Tyre, to Sidon, to Askelon, to Gaza, and you will find these all ruined, while Jaffa, Beyrout, against which nothing was said, remain where they were."

This is a striking observation. It is true that Tiberias, of all the cities in that region, was the hold of every alien evil, a colonial center of all the vices and corruption of power by which Imperial Rome was already passing into decadence. But Jesus never denounced Tiberias. He must have passed by it many times, though we have no record of His ever entering it. Condemnation was no part of His mission. Even when He became the sport of kings and stood before Herod in Jerusalem — Herod, the murderer of John the Baptist — "Jesus answered him not a word." Denouncing Herod was not His mission. It was the John the Baptist way to denounce things in general, but not Jesus' way.

BUT WITH CAPERNAUM IT WAS another thing. That city had enjoyed Gospel privileges. It had seen the Saviour of the World, heard His gracious words, beheld His wonderful works, and rather than being the better for it, had become worse. Tiberias never had been given such heavenly witness. "Then began he to upbraid the cities wherein most of his mighty works were done, because they repented not: Woe unto thee, Chorazin! Woe unto thee Bethsaida! For if the mighty works which were done in you, had been done in Tyre and Sidon, they would have repented long ago . . . it shall be more tolerable for Tyre and Sidon at the day of judgment, than for you. And thou, Capernaum, which art exalted unto heaven, shalt be brought down to obscurity; for if in Sodom had been done the works which were done in you, it would be standing to this day." (Aramaic.)

The fact remains that none of these cities denounced by Jesus are standing today. Their ruins attest the Truth of His word. Not that Jesus' word brought ruin to those places ("For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved"); no, these cities condemned themselves. It is Divinely ordered that condemnation proceeds from within, and the condemned ultimately agree that their condemnation is just.

With these visible evidences of Jesus' prophetic integrity before us, we may well give attention to other pronouncements He made about the trend and term of affairs in this world.



THE ATTEMPT TO MAKE Martin Luther responsible for Hitler and Hitlerism in Germany has badly backfired. For, in the first place, all the *really* Lutheran countries repudiated Hitler from the start; and, in the second place, Germany had long before ceased to be a Lutheran land — two thirds of the people were other than Lutherans; while, in the third place, Hitler was raised (like Mussolini) in a religious communion that was as far as the poles apart from Lutheranism. It would be as unjust, as provocative,

and revealing to charge the Roman Catholic Church with responsibility for those two firebrands of Europe, as it would be to charge Luther with it. Yet the latter charge has been made, which shows how far the virus of religious prejudice — always the handmaid of ignorance — can degrade the faculties of judgment and discernment.



AS THESE LINES ARE WRITTEN, the newspapers are heralding in sensational headlines the latest “break” in the stock market. All sorts of speculations are being offered as to what caused it and what it portends. It is amazing how

ill-informed, and therefore credulous, people are about such matters. The one thing certain about the whole business is that *there was just as much real wealth in the country the day after the “break” as there was the day before.* The wealth by which the Nation lives is neither made nor diminished by the stock market. It makes no more difference to the country's real economic status which set of gamblers are trimmed at Chicago or New York, than it does which league wins the national pennant. Were people more informed about the economics of God, they would react with more and better intelligence than that low grade of purported intelligence purveyed in newspaper pages.

Czechoslovakia Falls

IMMEDIATELY SUBSEQUENT to the period covered by the *Prelude to Conflict* charts, the accelerating pace of events found the insatiable maw of the Russian bear closing about another small country. The Czech coup, reviving as it did dire memories of what followed German occupation of that country in 1938, immeasurably deepened the gloom in Europe's other small nations which are yet free and touched off Continental Europe's worst case of the jitters since 1939.

The Communist seizure of power in Czechoslovakia occurred on a pattern of 286 days connecting with the extremely important date of December 7, 1948, full data on which was given on a chart in *DESTINY* for December 1947 (page 427).

On February 21, 1948 — solar terminal of 286 days before December 7, 1948 — Czechoslovakia's Communist Premier Gottwald demanded at a rally that the National Front be re-organized, and that President Benes permit him to name a cabinet without representatives of three parties whose ministers had resigned the day before. President Benes refused, insisting that all parties included in the coalition must continue to be represented in the government.

Communist pressure continued. Aided by a split in the Social Democratic Party, the Soviet satraps turned loose the armed might of their security police against the opposition and pressed forward to complete domination of the country. The coup was complete on February 25, 286 days before December 7, 1948, when President Benes bowed to Red pressure and accepted a

Communist government.

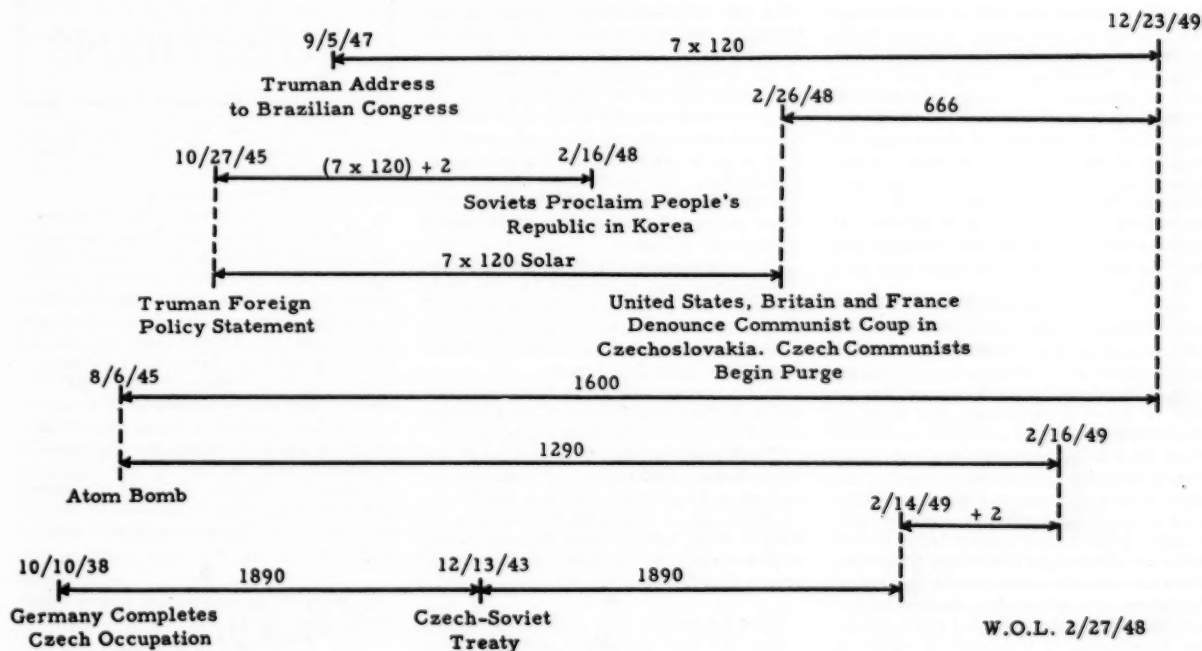
On February 26th the United States, Britain and France jointly denounced the Communist coup in Czechoslovakia, stating that it threatened “the very existence of the principles of liberty.” Even as this communiqué was being issued, Communist forces in Czechoslovakia were proceeding with a purge of opposition leaders.

Note from the chart the double chronological significance of the February 26, 1948 date. It came on the solar terminal of a 7 x 120-day Perfected Warning period after President Truman's October 27, 1945 foreign policy declaration, and also 666 days before the important December 23, 1949 date. Note the foreboding pattern linking events in Czechoslovakia with the two Truman pronouncements pleading for international morality.

As the chart shows, a double pattern of 7 x 270 (1890) days connects previous fateful days in Czechoslovakian history with an important three-day period, February 14-16, 1949, which will mark the close of a 1290-day Desolation Cycle after release of the atom bomb on August 6, 1945. Thus, the chronological cycles indicate that the Czech coup foreshadows an intensification of the crisis, even as Hitler's occupation of that unfortunate nation did in 1938 — but this time atomic energy is a new and incalculably awesome factor in the situation.

Meanwhile, the Soviets are turning their attention to Finland and the Red tide sweeps on.

— WILLIAM O. LAY, JR.



LETTERS

Since 1940 I have been an intensely interested reader of *DESTINY* and have endeavored to pass its message on to others. One of them asked me recently, "Who backs *DESTINY*?"

As my information on the subject was extremely limited and mostly hearsay, all I could answer was that the sale of its publications would account for some of it and that I understood the balance was obtained by private contributions. As to who the contributors were or how they knew of the need, I did not know.

If this matter is of interest to non-readers, it surely is of much greater concern to those who subscribe to the magazine and pray for its success. Could you give us some information on the subject?

O. V. K.

Albuquerque, New Mexico

Ed.: No one individual is responsible for *DESTINY* Magazine, the official monthly publication of the Anglo-Saxon Federation of America, whose headquarters are in Haverhill, Mass. The Federation is a non-profit, non-sectarian organization established for the purpose of propagating the Gospel of the Kingdom as it is presented in the Scriptures. Prominent in that Gospel is the identification of the race of the Book. The national phase of the work of the Federation began in Haverhill, Massachusetts, as a result of extensive correspondence with individuals throughout the nation between 1928 and 1930. The Editor of *DESTINY* is the National Commissioner of the Anglo-Saxon Federation of America.

The first convention was held in Detroit, Michigan in 1930 and delegates from many states were present. That convention elected a committee under which the work was to be carried on and at a subsequent convention the organization was completed by the adoption of a Constitution and the election of officers who were to consist of a President, Vice-President, Recording Secretary and Treasurer. In addition, there was to be a National Council and an Executive Committee appointed for the purpose of conducting the business of the Federation between conventions. The Executive Committee later provided for State Commissioners and a National Field Secretary. Up to World War II annual conventions were held each year but since the war biennial conventions only have been held.

Support of the Federation has come from interested individuals throughout the country who have contributed their tithes and offerings for the purpose of spreading the knowledge of the Gospel of the Kingdom. No one man, or group of individuals, can claim responsibility or credit for all the advancements which have been made, for hundreds of believers, from one end of the country to the other, have contributed to the progress of the work through their continuing prayers and financial support. This support has made the continued publication of *DESTINY* Magazine, books and other literature possible by Destiny Publishers, the publication division of our activities. It has also provided funds for the free distribution of thousands of pieces of

introductory literature, books, pamphlets and magazines. This latter work comprises the major part of our missionary activities, the results of which have more than justified the use of contributions for this purpose. Since the Anglo-Saxon Federation of America is strictly a non-profit religious, educational organization, donations made to it are deductible from Federal Income Tax returns.

The needs of the Federation are presented at national conventions when members gather to elect officers and take under consideration the possibilities for advancing the work and increasing its effectiveness. Anyone who is a resident of the United States of America and possessions, and who agrees with the objectives of the Federation as outlined on its membership form, is eligible to become a member. There are two membership plans. To become a Regular Member, the Regular Member's form should be signed in the member's handwriting and the annual fee of one dollar paid. Co-operating Members sign the Co-operating Member's form in the same manner and pay an annual fee of five dollars which entitles them to special book discounts and Lending Library privileges. Full information about membership in the organization will be gladly sent upon request; address your inquiry to the *Field Secretary*, Anglo-Saxon Federation of America, Haverhill, Mass. The Objectives of the Federation, to which all members subscribe, are as follows:

- 1) "To make known to the sons of men God's mighty acts and the glorious majesty of his Kingdom." (Psalms 145: 12.)
 - 2) To teach Christianity in the light of Israel truth and to recognize the importance of expounding the Holy Scriptures.
 - 3) To proclaim the truth regarding the origin and early history of the Covenant Race — the Anglo-Celto-Saxon peoples — whether within the English-speaking countries or elsewhere; and to prove their identity with Israel.
 - 4) To show that God Almighty has placed upon the before-mentioned peoples an unchanging and irrevocable charge and responsibility, in that they are called to act as His servants and His instruments in preparing the way for the establishment of the Kingdom of God on earth. To show that the only solution to the world's unrest and distress is to be found in the Divinely-given Constitution, and that this restoration is a necessary preliminary to disarmament, universal peace, and to all the manifold blessings of the reign of Christ.
 - 5) To establish as a fact that the said belief is supported and confirmed by the Holy Scriptures and in particular by the prophetic portions thereof and by historical events.
 - 6) To co-ordinate and strengthen the work of believers in the Israel truth.
 - 7) To promote the unity of thought and action in the establishment of the Kingdom of God throughout the Anglo-Saxon world.
- The loyalty of the membership of the Anglo-Saxon Federation of America is pledged to Jesus Christ, the Incarnate Word, the Redeemer of Israel, the Saviour of men, King of kings, Lord of lords and only Ruler of princes; and to the Bible, the everliving written Word.

Since the earliest days of the organization I have felt that explaining and reminding

everyone about the laws of tithing are just as important as the health and other laws. If everyone who has professed to be interested in the Federation contributed his tithe to the organization, you would have more money than you would know what to do with. As I see it, tithing is your only hope to receive funds enough to support the organization. Tithing and continued interest are interrelated and essential.

It is perfectly natural to expect others to react somewhat as you feel yourself. I am enclosing a check for \$500.00. If I wasn't really and sincerely interested in the work you may be sure I wouldn't be sending it. I can think of lots of things I could do with \$500.00 that would be fun, but I feel I owe that to the propagation of God's work and I feel that the Federation is in a better position to do that work than my own or any local church. I also feel that it would be as wrong not to contribute it as it would be for me to steal a similar amount from a collection plate. As far as I am concerned that is God's money and my only responsibility is to place it where it will do the most good.

L. C. P.

Detroit, Michigan

Ed.: L. C. P. is right. The work not only suffers when the tithe is withheld but the individual withholding his tithe suffers also. The Lord, speaking through Malachi, asks, "Will a man rob God? Yet ye have robbed me." The people reply, "Wherein have we robbed thee?" The answer returned is, "In tithes and offerings." Because the tithes are withheld, the Lord declares, "Ye are cursed with a curse: for ye have robbed me, even this whole nation." The challenge is then given to bring in all the tithes and prove the Lord to see if He will not pour out a blessing so that there will not be room enough to contain it. Those who have accepted this challenge have found that God has been true to His promise.

QUESTIONS

Q. Isaiah declares: "For the Lord will have mercy on Jacob, and will yet choose Israel." Who is Jacob?

M. T. S.

Waukegan, Michigan

A. Jacob was the name of Isaac's son before his name was changed to Israel. Jacob means *supplanter* and this name describes the descendants of Abraham before they become in fact as well as in name Israel, i.e., ruling with God. Today the Anglo-Saxons are not yet Israel but rather are Jacob, the supplanter, a sinful people upon whom the Lord will have mercy. They will be chosen as Israel when, turning from their evil ways, they become spiritually ready to assume the responsibility of administering the laws of His Kingdom. Meantime the Throne of David is a throne under the Union Jack, or union of Jacob, and the court of St. James is still the court of St. Jacob.

Q. Who is the Assyrian of whom Isaiah speaks (Isa. 14: 25 and Isa. 31: 8) and to
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Ezekiel's Temple and Sacrifices

A Prophetical Enigma and its Solution

By REV. T. H. WHITEHOUSE

ED. NOTE: This article was written by the late Rev. T. H. Whitehouse and is a most significant work of research. It is an explanation of the final nine chapters in the Book of Ezekiel, based upon conclusive evidence, and places them in their proper position among the Ezekiel documents. This Prophet's vision of the new Temple has baffled scholars of the past. We are indebted to Rev. Claud Coffin of Hastings, England, to whom this manuscript was entrusted, and who has passed it on to us for publication. This is a time when God is constantly providing new light upon the Scriptures and DESTINY welcomes the opportunity to pass such revelations on to its readers.

SINCE THE BRITISH undertaking in 1917 to give the Jews a national home in Palestine, followed by the fall of Jerusalem to our arms, our occupation of the sacred territories, and the acceptance of mandates which enabled us to give large effect to Zionist aspirations, the expectations of Christian people generally, and of students of prophecy in particular, have been greatly excited. Many are convinced that they see in what is now proceeding in Palestine a real fulfillment of Biblical prophecies concerning the Jews and the Land. But it cannot be said that popular knowledge on these matters is very exact, or more than merely superficial. Very large numbers of Bible readers to whom prophecy makes an appeal are looking with devout expectation to soon seeing realized "that blessed hope" of our Lord's return and reign in His Kingdom during the thousand years of blessing called the Millennium. They believe that the center of world government and of universal worship will then be Jerusalem. And they think they see in the last nine chapters of Ezekiel a vivid portrayal of the new religious state, the new temple and services, and the predicted Millennial Age.

Yet in the minds of these people so fervently desirous of the realization of the Millennial glories, there is a pain-

ful undercurrent of uneasiness because, reading Ezekiel's chapters as a forecast of those days, they do not vision them as days of the deliverance of the suffering brute creation from groaning and travailing in pain at the manifestation of the sons of God, but indeed, as days of the constant ritual blood-shedding of various kinds of beasts for the insatiable altar of the new temple. And they are not happy about it. Nor is it clear to their troubled understanding why where should be necessary a revival of such sacrifices in that period which is to be the consummation of human history and the perfected development of the Christian religion under the personal administration of Jesus Christ Himself.

Another and quite considerable number of people whose intense interest is attracted by the temple chapters of Ezekiel see in the Zionist movement and the repatriation of Jews in Palestine now proceeding under British Mandatory responsibility [recently turned over to the United Nations] the initial steps being taken for the full creation of a great Jewish State, with its appropriate Jewish system of worship, including the re-erection of the temple as described by Ezekiel.

The writer of this brochure herein offers reasons which have fully convinced him that the foregoing ideas are ill-founded, misleading and, in more senses than one, dangerous. He therefore begs the patient reconsideration of the whole matter, guided by a closer reading of the chapters concerned, and of the suggestions for their correct interpretation here submitted.

The original Hebrew commonwealth of the Twelve Tribes of Israel, founded by Moses and consolidated by David into a united kingdom *circa* 1050 B.C., was disrupted by revolution less than one hundred years later. From that period on to the close of the Biblical histories there were two separate kingdoms — the Northern ten-tribed House of Israel (Capital, Samaria), and the Southern two-tribed

House of Judah (Capital, Jerusalem). The breach was never healed in Biblical times.

About 721 B.C. a succession of wars with the Assyrian Empire culminated in the destruction of the Northern House of Israel as a sovereign nation, and the deportation of the ten tribes into captivity, as preliminary to the foretold judgment of dispersion among the nations. They were distributed in various territories held by the Assyrian power, extending from Armenia in the west to Media in the east; there, in the province of Ecbatana, there were considerable Israel settlements. The ten tribes never returned to Palestine.

The two-tribed House of Judah retained a very precarious independence for some 130 years longer, but was finally crushed and deported by Nebuchadnezzar about 587 B.C. They were held captive in Babylonia for 70 years, until Cyrus permitted as many of them as chose to return to do so and rebuild "the nation of the Jews."

It is imperative that these essential facts should be clearly borne in mind when making any attempt to understand the prophetical Scriptures; and more especially when facing up to the tremendous problems involved in the last nine chapters of Ezekiel, and the endeavor to find a reasonable solution.

The Book of Ezekiel is a collection of documents containing that Prophet's own personal statements and records of visions, prophetical revelations and Divine commissions given to him from time to time during a period extending over twenty-five years. The Book contains thirteen such documents and there may have been another — the earliest — which, however, was not preserved, although the date of it is given. Each documental section of the Book is carefully dated, and it should be observed that in some cases the date covers a group of allied documents, the matter of all of which was conveyed to the Prophet at about the date given.

These dates, and the order in which they are placed in the text, must be

regarded as having a profound significance in the intelligent appreciation of Ezekiel's lifework and the interpretation of his messages; especially his visions of a rebuilt temple at Jerusalem and the reconstitution of the then captive nation Israel on the basis of a revised and prolonged Levitical dispensation.

Whether attributable to careless editing, or whatever cause, it is beyond question that the whole collection of documents is very loosely arranged, without any consistent regard to the consecutive order of the dates given. This will be seen from the following table:

ORDER OF THE DOCUMENTS IN THE TEXT

NUMERICAL ORDER	DATE OF WRITING AS GIVEN IN THE TEXT			USSHER'S DATE	TEXT ARRANGED IN CHRONOLOGICAL ORDER
	Month	Day	Year	B.C.	Chapters and Verses
1st.....	?	5	5	594	1: 2-3.
2nd.....	6	5	6	593	8: 1 to 19: 14.
3rd.....	5	10	7	592	20: 1 to 23: 49.
4th.....	10	10	9	590	24: 1 to 25: 17.
5th.....	10	12	10	589	29: 1-16.
6th.....	?	1	11	588	26: 1 to 28: 26.
7th.....	1	7	11	588	30: 20-26.
8th.....	3	1	11	588	31: 1-18.
9th.....	?	15	12	587	32: 17 to 33: 20.
10th.....	12	1	12	587	32: 1-16.
11th.....	10	5	12	587	33: 21 to 39: 29.
12th.....	10	4	25	574	40: 1 to 48: 35.
13th.....	1	1	27	572	29: 17 to 30: 19.
14th.....	4	5	30	569	1: 1-2 to 7: 27.

The kind of document we have to deal with is described in Chapters 2: 9-10 and 3: 1:

"Behold, an hand was sent unto me; and lo, a roll of a book was therein; and he spread it before me; and it was written within and without."

"Moreover, he said unto me, Son of man, eat that thou findest; eat this roll."

It was a length of parchment, written in columns on both sides, attached to rollers, the turning of which would unfold the part desired to be read, or enable the whole to be closely rolled up, or, if necessary, sealed for security. Revelation 5: 1 shows such a book:

"I saw in the right hand of him that sat on the throne a book written within and on the backside, sealed with seven seals."

When a number of such documents had been collected, a receptacle had to be used to keep them all together, each roll with its tag or docket ap-

pended to indicate its contents and its position in the collection. In such a receptacle they could not, of course, be placed in ordered array like volumes on a bookshelf; and it is easy to see how some scribe, probably impeccably devout and learned, but indifferent as to exactitude of order, arranged them loosely when transcribing them into the earliest volume form; hence the rather confused positions of the dated documents.

All the dates given in the text, except that in Chapter 1: 2-3, were affixed by Ezekiel himself, writing in the first person. That one exception was added "editorially" by some

"in the fifth year of King Jehoiachin's captivity," but of this no record has been preserved, though the date should be carefully noted as indicating the datal method of the Book.

Chapters 1-7 inclusive are dated in Chapter 1: 1 as containing visions, etc., given "in the thirtieth year."

A somewhat similar expression occurs in Chapter 40: 1, "the five and twentieth year," but with the notable addition "of our captivity," i.e., the captivity of those who were carried away with Jehoiachin; and this, of course, is implied in Chapter 1: 1, where we should read, "the thirtieth year (of our, or of Jehoiachin's captivity)" and so on throughout the Book, thus making this important system of dates both simple and harmonious.

To clear up the difficulties in studying this Book, too much attention cannot be given to this system of the dating of the Prophet's messages. Actually, the *earliest* dated set of Ezekiel's extant prophecies is that given in Chapters 8-19 ("in the sixth year," etc.), and the subsequent sets go on in rather interrupted sequence up to those given in Chapters 32-39, dated "the twelfth year." Then occurs a long interval of silence lasting thirteen years, after which the temple series of visions, etc., is given in the set dated "the five and twentieth year of our captivity," Chapters 40-48.

So then, actually the *last* dated set of prophecies and visions is that which is placed at the beginning of the Book, Chapters 1-7, which bears in Chapter 1: 1 the very latest date of all, "the thirtieth year;" that is to say, five years *after* those in Chapters 40-48.

It cannot be too emphatically stressed that the closing chapters of the Book antedate the opening chapters by five years! This, indeed, is the key to the puzzle of the last nine chapters with their seemingly flat negation of some chief Christian fundamentals, and it opens the way to a reasonable, consistent and wonderfully illuminating interpretation of one of the most difficult parts of this great Book.

The Book should be read in its proper historical sequence as beginning with Chapter 8, and continued as a succession of sets of visions and prophecies on to the end of Chapter 39 — the latest forecast given by Ezekiel of future events.

The remaining two sets, those beginning and ending the Book, should be read as having special and particular relationships to each other, and the *first* is supplementary to the *last*. This is not only justified, but actually required, both by the subject matter and the datings. The set placed *last* in the Book contains the provisions and terms of a provisional constitution which Ezekiel was therein commanded to personally convey to exiled Israel as an authoritative Divine offer of conditional national restoration. The set placed *first* in the Book, but dated five years later than the last, contains Ezekiel's great commission set forth in detail and indicates how the Prophet would faithfully discharge it at terrible cost of suffering and ignominy at the hands of the defiantly apostate House of Israel.

The Book deals with both Houses, Israel and Judah, separately as well as in common, contemporaneously as well as prophetically, right up to the time of our Lord's return and reign as King. The House of Israel, wherever mentioned as such, is to be taken literally as meaning that House and nothing else; represented there by the Israel settlements in the province of Ecbatana in Media. They were within easy reach of Ezekiel who lived among the earlier exiles of Judah within the northeastern borders of Babylonia. He visited them (Chaps. 2 & 3), and was visited by their deputations (Chaps. 14 & 20). He prophesied many things concerning them and their checkered but wonderful future.

It would appear that before allowing the judgment of dispersion to fall on the House of Israel, God had graciously determined to give them a last opportunity for repentance and restoration, and of this purpose He made Ezekiel the missionary ambassador. This final approach of Divine grace to the apostate nation, and their failure to embrace His mercy, stand forever in this Book as the justification before men of His determinate counsel and foreknowledge expressed in the many other prophecies relating to Israel's long course of regenerative correction and discipline.

The Divine care and foresight would not allow the Prophet to go on such a dangerous expedition and present himself among the rebellious people empty-handed and without credentials. He was therefore furnished with tangible evidences of the validity of

his mission in the form of a written scheme, divinely dictated, of national restoration and reconstruction, and elaborate and exactly drawn plans for a new temple, with all its appointed ritual and priestly service — all of which should come into operation in their own land, but all made definitely contingent on both houses repenting and seeking God's favor.

This was to be an *interim* constitution, etc., designed conditionally to fill up the period between the proffered restoration and the end of the legal dispensation and the coming of the Messiah in "the fulness of time," then, of course, to pass or merge into the better Messianic or Christian era.

This conditional, interim constitution provided for the redivision of the land formerly held, but with somewhat extended borders, in a new manner, among representatives of all the tribes; for a ruling family, not however of David's line; for a rebuilt temple on an entirely new plan; for a reformed ecclesiastical establishment; for a sacrificial priesthood, Levitical and Aaronic, confined to the sons of Zadok; and for a subordinate Levitical ministry.

All this, worked out in closest detail, was shown to Ezekiel in vision, and in drawn plans handed to him to take with him on his embassy to Israel (Chap. 43: 10-11) — and this long after the earlier dated sets of prophecies had been given. It was at a period commencing five years before God at last gave him his great commission to go to Israel and seek to bring them to repentance (Chaps. 1-7) and with specific commands to *show them these plans* and offer them for their study with a view to shaming them to amendment and return to their obedience to God:

"Thou son of man, shew the house to the house of Israel, that they may be ashamed of their iniquities; and let them measure the pattern. And if they be ashamed of all that they have done, shew them the form of the house, and the fashion thereof, and the going out thereof, and the comings in thereof, and all the forms thereof, and all the ordinances thereof, and all the laws thereof; and write it in their sight, that they may keep the whole form thereof, and all the ordinances thereof, and do them." (Ez. 43: 10-11.)

This commission was first of all to the Israel settlements of the Median captivity then in Ecbatana (Chaps. 2 & 3) and he was to discharge it at all costs

and whatever risk (Chap. 2). When he went he carried with him this documentary evidence of God's willingness to forgive and restore.

Therefore, the last nine chapters of the Book are *not* Millennial and so are certainly not subversive of the Gospel of our Saviour Jesus Christ. They are the record of a Divine scheme of renewal, tentatively offered for the free choice or rejection of Israel, but made wholly dependent on the subjection of their wills and the change of their hearts toward God — which, however, was unhappily not realized. Thus, as the imperative conditions were not met, the offer lapsed, the scheme became inoperative and Israel's dispersion inevitably had to be inflicted.

But so interesting and important a document could not be allowed to be lost or destroyed: it must be preserved to witness to God's righteous dealing with His unworthy people. Accordingly, it was duly dated and retained among the other documents left by Ezekiel and when they were afterwards put into volume form it was relegated to a place at the end of the Book as an *appendix*. But since it bears no outward description as an appendix, and was placed in a position immediately following upon chapters which foretell the final tribulation period and its ending at the "Presence" of the Lord, it has unfortunately been commonly but wrongly assumed to foretell a continuation of the historical developments of those chapters. It has been assumed, therefore, that those nine chapters are Millennial — which they most certainly are not unless the Millennium involves a complete abrogation of the New Testament teaching of the efficacy of our Lord's finished sacrifice, the one Atonement, perfect and all-sufficient for all men.

Only by a recognition of the fact that the prophetic value of the Book closes at the end of Chapter 39 and that the following chapters are *not* Millennial, but are merely an appendix relating to a past contingency which passed historically without fruition, can we reconcile the otherwise flat contradictions between the last nine chapters of this Book and the New Testament — especially the Epistle to the Hebrews. Otherwise they appear to be a negation of the consecration of the Lord Jesus Christ to an Everlasting Priesthood after the Order of Melchizedek (Heb. 7: 28) and to be a reversion to the never-ending

offering of the blood of animals to take away sin. Merely to glance at the provisions laid down in the last nine chapters as to the Congregation, the Priesthood, the Sacrifices, the Government and the Land, and to make comparisons between them and what is elsewhere revealed as the Gospel fundamentals, will be sufficient to establish the foregoing contentions.

The Congregation

Circumcision is the essential; even strangers must be circumcised "in the flesh" (see Chap. 44: 6-9). Verse 9 is as follows:

"Thus saith the Lord God; No stranger, uncircumcised in heart, nor uncircumcised in flesh, shall enter into my sanctuary, of any stranger that is among the children of Israel."

This is a very definite statement but Paul states in Galatians:

"Behold, I Paul say unto you, that if ye be circumcised, Christ shall profit you nothing." (Gal. 5: 2.)

"For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision availeth any thing, nor uncircumcision, but a new creature." (Gal. 6: 15.)

Therefore, if these last nine chapters of Ezekiel are Millennial, the rite of circumcision will be imperative, though the restoration of circumcision will render Christ ineffective as Saviour.

The Priesthood

This is both Levitical and Aaronic; for service and for sacrifice. The subordinate order of Levites were ministers (attendants) in the Sanctuary, to discharge the lesser offices, but not to offer sacrifices:

"The Levites . . . shall be ministers in my sanctuary having charge of the gates of the house . . . they shall slay the burnt-offering and the sacrifice for the people . . . they shall not come near unto me to do the office of a priest unto me . . . but I will make them keepers of the charge of the house." (Ez. 44: 10-14.)

Those of higher office, the Priests, were to be also from among the sons of Levi, but entirely of the sons of Zadok, who was High Priest in David's time, eleventh in descent from Aaron:

"The priests, the keepers of the charge of the altar; these are the sons of Zadok among the sons of Levi, which come near to the Lord to minister unto him." (Ez. 40: 46.)

Their ministry was to be that of a sacrificing priesthood, making offer-

ings at the altar continually, both for the people and for themselves (Chap. 44: 11):

Verse 11: "They [the Levites] shall slay the burnt-offering and the sacrifice for the people."

Verse 15: "But the priests . . . the sons of Zadok . . . shall stand before me to offer unto me the fat and the blood saith the Lord God."

Verse 27: "In the day that he [the priest] goeth . . . to minister in the sanctuary he shall offer his sin offering, saith the Lord God."

See also Chapter 43: 18 to the end.

If this is a prophecy of the Millennial age it makes the sole Priesthood of Christ void (Heb. 5) and foretells the resumption of an earthly priesthood and an endless succession of blood sacrifices for all manner of purposes and occasions, to effect what Christ as High Priest, offering Himself, must therefore have failed to effect. Further, these priestly ministrations at the altar, with continual offerings of animal sacrifices, were "to make reconciliation for the people" (Chap. 45: 15 & 17), whereas we read in Hebrews 2: 17:

"Wherefore in all things it behoved him [Jesus Christ] to be made like unto his brethren, that he might be a merciful and faithful high priest in things pertaining to God, to make reconciliation for the sins of the people."

If this is true, why in the Millennial age should the Priesthood of Zadok be revived, unless it could do what Christ must therefore have failed to do? Moreover, we read in II Corinthians 5: 18-19:

"And all things are of God, who hath reconciled us to Himself by Jesus Christ, and hath given to us the ministry of reconciliation, to wit, that God was in Christ, reconciling the world unto Himself . . . and hath committed unto us the word of reconciliation."

If there is to be a restored Levitical-Aaronic-Zadok priesthood in the Millennium to set flowing again constant streams of animal blood for the reconciliation of man with God, what becomes of the ministry and word of reconciliation once committed to the Apostolic Ministry? Can anything be more certain than that the temple prophecy of Ezekiel relates solely to the lapsed possibilities of pre-Christian times?

The Sacrifices

They were to be burnt-offerings, sin-offerings, meat offerings, trespass offerings and peace offerings. Read the full list and mark the details of the ordinances in Chapters 40: 39; 42: 13; 43: 18 to the end; 44: 27-29; 45: 17 to the end; 46. In the two latter chapters the sacrificial observances of Sabbaths and new moons, as well as the daily sacrifices, were to be resumed. If the Millennial age is to be a period during which the worship of God is to be compulsorily accompanied by the unceasing flow of animal blood, it will be very unlike the blessed time foretold in that lovely conception of it visioned by Isaiah:

"The wolf shall dwell with the lamb, and the leopard shall lie down with the kid; and the calf and the young lion and the fatling together; and a little child shall lead them. And the cow and the bear shall feed; their young ones shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. . . . They shall not hurt nor destroy in all my holy mountain; for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the Lord as the waters cover the sea." (Isa. 11: 6-9.)

Further, Chapter 45: 21 ordains the restoration of the Passover, to be observed with seven days' eating of unleavened bread, and sin-offerings of bullocks, rams and kids. Now, if this refers to Millennial times, was not Paul sadly mistaken when he declared in I Corinthians 5: 7 that "Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us"?

If Paul was right, they are wrong who regard Ezekiel's restored Passover as Millennial; if Christ is indeed the very "Lamb of God who taketh away the sin of the world"; if John truly visioned Him ascending the throne in heaven, "a Lamb as it had been slain," then surely Ezekiel's vision related only to the possibilities of pre-Christian times.

The Government

These last nine chapters of Ezekiel refer to an order of rulers of the restored Israel nation called "princes," a term often used in the Bible, signifying rulers from among the people, not necessarily royal or kingly. Frequent mention of "the prince," "my princes," etc., is made in Chapters 44, 45, 46 and 48. The prince has sons, and must make provision for them out of his own resources ("possessions"). There is not a single reference in these

chapters to their being of David's line; the title "king" is never once used. Nothing can be more certain than that the term "prince" or the office it covers here has no Messianic significance, for not only has the prince sons and the obligation of providing for them but, as prince, he has the further obligation of making such numerous offerings of animal sacrifices for Israel and for himself that a special tax of $\frac{1}{2}$ per cent is to be levied on the people to provide these offerings (Chap. 45: 15-22). The not uncommon supposition that this prince is the Messiah in His Millennial reign seems to be too grotesque for consideration.

Therefore, it may be concluded that in Ezekiel's day, the House of David having passed over to another branch of the House of Israel as indicated in other prophecies, provision was included in the interim scheme of national restoration, committed to Ezekiel as ambassador to Israel, for a kind of hereditary presidency or principedom, to fill up the interval until the expiration of that dispensation.

The Land

Chapters 47 and 48 provide for a redistribution of the land formerly occupied by the tribes, but of rather enlarged area, though not at all approximating the vaster dimensions of that great territory lying between the rivers Nile and Euphrates promised to Abraham (Gen. 15: 18), which is certainly what we have to look for in its full accomplishment in the Millennial era, when Christ shall reign on the Throne of His father David. No doubt the area prescribed for occupation in the interim scheme given to Ezekiel would have amply sufficed for the needs of the restored people in that day and for a long time afterwards, but can have no reference to the period of Christ's reigning "over the house of Jacob for ever," when "His dominions shall be from sea to sea, and from the river unto the ends of the earth."

The supposition that Ezekiel may have foretold a Zionist reconstruction of Palestine and the building of a new temple, and that at the present time we are witnessing the early process of fulfillment, meet scarcely command a moment's serious thought. The repatriation of the Jews in Palestine by the Mandatory Power is not the set-

ting up of an independent state. Giving to those who go there to settle "a national home" under the protection and oversight of the British Colonial Office is a very different thing indeed from the creation of a new nation of sovereign status. The Jews are not there as owners and rulers of the land but only as protected subjects of Britain, the Sovereign Power.

Some seventy-five per cent of the population is Arab and Mohammedan, and within the British Empire there are more than eighty millions of loyal Mohammedan subjects. To all of them Jerusalem, with its holy places and associations — and chiefly the Mosque of Omar standing on the ancient temple site — is their second most holy place. What would happen to the Jewish minority in Palestine, and what terrific kind of religious war would rend and consume our Eastern Empire, if Zionist Jews, encouraged by mistaken Christians, were permitted to demolish the Mosque of Omar and build a Jewish temple in its place? Surely the whole idea of this rebuilding of the temple, and the re-establishment of its sacrificial ritual, is a vain dream evolved from an undiscerning reading of the Book of Ezekiel, leading to a mistaken interpretation.

But the really sinister feature of the too-popular misconception is its tremendous underlying danger: that of endeavoring to force a fulfillment of prophecy by political action. And there are powerful influences at work in this direction. Only the most overwhelming political considerations, not

yet actively evident, must intervene before the Sovereign Power could for one moment encourage proposals so certain to set the Eastern world ablaze.

And even supposing it feasible that a new temple with all its accompaniments could be peacefully substituted for the Mosque of Omar and the faith it stands for, what would the world, humanity or the cause of progressive Christian religion gain by a great Jewish temple and the reversion to its system of endless blood sacrifices?

Surmounting all these considerations, there is one stubborn fact, fatal to Zionist claims and aspirations, and no less so to the dreams of many devout but mistaken Christian people who think they see in present-day developments in Palestine the beginnings of the Millennial fulfillment of Ezekiel's prophecies, culminating in the rebuilding of the temple as the world center of the religion of the new age. This fact is that Ezekiel's reconstituted nation was to include *all the twelve tribes*, whereas the Jews are only "the remnant of Judah;" that is, a mere fragment of one of the tribes only, with possibly a few of Benjamin and Levi. From whatever point of view it may be regarded, a Zionist rebuilding of the temple, even if possible, would fail to meet the case.

From all the foregoing it may safely be concluded that the last nine chapters of Ezekiel are not to be regarded as a forecast of what is to be, but only as a conditional outline of what might have been.

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whom Ezekiel refers (Ez. 31: 3-6)?

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4. Ezekiel uses terms to describe the Assyrian which parallel the symbolism used by Daniel in chapter four of his book. Daniel states the tree represents Babylon and Ezekiel declares it represents the Assyrian. The Assyrian and Babylon are one and this deduction is confirmed by Isaiah who definitely identifies the Assyrian with Babylon (Isa. 14: 22-26).

In order to understand the application, it must be borne in mind that Babylon in prophecy is not confined to the ancient Empire of Babylon alone. Prophecy covers the scope of Babylonian activities from the time of Nebuchadnezzar and his Empire to the end of the Times of the Gentiles and beyond to the complete defeat of all evil aggression. The defeat of Germany in 1945, as pointed out in "End of Gentile Rule" (*Documentary Studies*, page 139) ended the military and political might of the Babylonian Succession of Empires.

Isaiah points out that the Assyrian, or as Moffatt translates it, "Assyria," is *devoured* by the sword (Isa. 31: 8). This again helps to identify the Assyrian, for this devouring process is exactly what Esdras tells us will happen to one of the heads of the three-headed eagle he saw in vision (see *Documentary Studies*, page 166). This head has already been identified with Germany.

The King James version of the Bible states, "His young men shall be discomfited" but Moffatt renders this, "Their soldiers are made serfs" (Isa. 31: 8). Is it not true that hundreds of thousands of the soldiers of the once-mighty German army are today slaves in Russia, France and in other lands?

Isaiah further declares that Assyria (modern Germany) would be swept with a broom (besom) of destruction (Isa. 14: 23) and that they would become a yoke or load to His people Israel (Isa. 14: 25). Germany was swept from one end to the other with destruction as the Allied bombing planes passed again and again over her land and cities. Today the Germans have become a burden to modern Israel as we try to sustain them through prodigious spending of millions and the allocation of food and other material to Germany. But God has decreed that this burden will be lifted when He breaks the Assyrian in His land (Palestine) and when he is trodden under foot upon His mountains.

Germany is gradually being brought into an alliance with Russia. Already a large German army is functioning under the Soviets and the day is not far away when Germany will be in the Russian orb, descending with the northern hordes as they invade Palestine. The hand of the Lord will be stretched out upon all nations (Isa. 14: 26) as they gather to fight against Jerusalem, and Germany (Assyria) is to be numbered among those confederated against God's people. They will be brought into that confederation by having been literally *devoured* by the Soviets. The result will be that the burden or yoke that Israel has been carrying in trying to feed the Germans and restore their economic status as a nation will be removed from their shoulders.

The timing is perfect and it was the fear of this confederacy and the incorporation of Germany into the Soviet sphere of influence that compelled the British and Americans to shoulder the burden of continued occupation of Germany. When Germany finally elects to go with the East, any further responsibility for us to spend our substance in their

behalf will have been removed.

Q. What is the significance of "Sheshach" (Jer. 25: 26)?

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A. Jeremiah was told to take the wine cup of God's fury and cause all nations to drink of it. The Prophet was told that the results would be that the nations would become mad because of the sword that the Lord would send among them (see *Study in Jeremiah*, pages 145-147). Ancient Babylon headed the list of the nations who drank from this cup of the wine of wrath, but it is also stated that the King of Sheshach shall drink *after* all the others mentioned in the context of the verse.

Sheshach means Babel or Babylon in its mystical aspect, upon whom will come the final judgment at the end of the period of the Babylonian Succession of Empires, or the Times of the Gentiles. Beginning with Babylon, the Empire, and extending throughout the entire scope of the Times of the Gentiles, the nations have been drunk and the sword has been among them. However, it has been reserved for Sheshach, or mystical Babylon, to fulfill the final phases of this drunken spree, to be drunken and, according to Jeremiah, "Spue, and fall, and rise no more."

Modern Assyria (Germany) was drunk with the wine of Babylon and became mad because of the sword. Its military and political might have fallen to rise no more. This, too, is the exact type of judgment John saw as coming upon Babylon the Great when the entire Babylonian system — political, military, economic and religious — will come to judgment with the closing of the age (Rev. 18: 21-23). When this judgment is completed mystical Babylon, *i.e.*, Sheshach, will have fallen never to rise again.

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Middle East Report

By FUAD R. SAADEH

Ed. NOTE: We take pleasure in introducing Mr. Fuad R. Saadeh of Damascus, Syria to *DESTINY* readers. Mr. Saadeh, who is our Middle East correspondent, was born in Damascus of Christian parents. He received his education in the American University in Beirut, Syria. In 1933, after a short business career, he started an independent Christian missionary enterprise in his native city. Mrs. Saadeh is an American girl of Danish ancestry and a graduate of the University of Wisconsin, U. S. A. She is a talented musician and a member of a mission body with headquarters in Cairo, Egypt. At the outbreak of World War II Mr. and Mrs. Saadeh left Damascus for the United States to promote interest in the Christian work started in the Middle East. While in the United States Mr. Saadeh became interested in the Anglo-Saxon-Israel message. He has now returned to Damascus and, using that city as his headquarters, he is planning to send out the glad tidings of the Gospel of the Kingdom to his Arab countrymen. He is well qualified to undertake this mission and we invite *DESTINY* readers who wish to help him in this great enterprise to send in contributions for his work. Such contributions should be specifically directed to the Fuad R. Saadeh Fund. The following letter is his first report:

Damascus, January 23, 1948

Mr. Howard B. Rand
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Dear Mr. Rand:

This is my first letter to you since I left Cairo on the 15th of January. The flight from Egypt to Beirut, Lebanon was very fascinating, seeing lower Egypt from the air, then flying over the Suez Canal, then crossing the south-east corner of the Mediterranean, on into St. George's Bay with its beautiful contour of the Lebanon Mountains dotted with picturesque villages and green orchards. I landed safely in Beirut two hours after leaving Cairo.

I was amazed as I stepped into the city to see it the same as I had left it. It was impossible to visualize that I had been away for almost nine years. People I had known for years were still on the same street corner doing the same things. I met dozens of people that I had known previously in less than two hours after my arrival. They all remarked how little I had changed and so was my response regarding them. The whole place seems to me as if it had been in a petrified state during the time I was away.

After I made a few visits to a number of leading citizens in the educational and religious fields, and lunching with the Acting-President of the American University, I motored to Damascus where I met my parents and the other members of my family, which was a happy and long waited for occasion. I am most grateful that God has spared them and me to meet again after eight and a half years of separation.

February 3, 1948: I suppose you can very well visualize the reason for which this letter has been interrupted. It was impossible to concentrate on doing or writing anything during the first week of being in Damascus. The constant flow of callers and the general excitement caused by my return have made it impossible to write sooner.

Then I thought I had better wait until I had something concrete to write regarding the principle reason and interest for which I am now spending the time in this part of the world.

I am most jubilant over the results of my first week of efforts here and I am very happy to report that I have had no need for any preliminary or indirect approaches. I am starting right out with presenting the Israel identity message as my principal message and the main reason for which I am in this country. I have had excellent opportunities and very good listening among many Protestant and non-Protestant leading religious personalities. Many Moslem Arabs are extremely interested and received the message with great interest and enthusiasm. *I think I can venture to say that we have already won a large number of sincere sympathizers and quite a few actual converts to the Israel evangel.*

I have a host of very good old personal friends in almost all high government offices, which is giving my efforts additional success. I had a very interesting interview with the press the day before yesterday and the press has carried an announcement of my arrival in Syria and the purpose for which I am here. Also, the Sunday paper has carried an article that I wrote as an introduction for further activities through the press.

Old friends, both Moslem and Christian, who are in key positions in the Foreign Ministry, have received the message of the identity of Israel with great interest, and are cooperating very effectively in making it possible for me to reach key people. I have been requested to write a resumé regarding the work and its supporters which is to be presented to the Prime Minister and the Minister for Foreign Affairs. I also was promised an interview with the President at which I am planning to present, in a straight and simple way, the core of the subject.

May I solicit the prayers of all of you that I may do and say the right thing at the right time and in the right place. A great deal of wisdom, as well as knowledge, is needed to be able to wade successfully into the present stormy and tense situation that is present here. Stormy and tense are two mild words to describe the economic, political and social state the Arab World is in at present. The late monetary disturbance caused by the devaluation of the franc and the difficulties created because of it between Syria and Lebanon are complicating matters further.

Communications between Palestine and the neighboring Arab countries are completely cut because of either blown-up bridges or lack of permission to cross frontiers. Any travel done between Lebanon and Palestine is being done by sea. Violence inside Palestine continues. Women and children continue to be evacuated by every possibility, even crawling under barbed wires to safer zones in Syria and Lebanon. Shortage of housing is rising continuously and living costs are beyond the reach of people with moderate means. Fuel specially is becoming scarce, which is unbelievable while the surrounding areas are floating in oil. The public is not far from a state of complete mental

confusion. Arab government leaders are showing extraordinary wisdom in managing affairs, but the problems are increasing in their complications.

Now, coming to the subject of further plans, we have, as it seems, a unique opportunity in establishing an effective Center to *present, teach and promote the Israel truth*. People seem to be not only very receptive but very cooperative, and there could be no time more timely than this. If the Center should be started immediately it would draw the interest of many of the intelligentsia of the Arabs, as well as the foreign public. Also, there is an opportunity to break into the ranks of organized church institutions and leadership, which have in the past taught the mistaken Biblical interpretation regarding Israel, which, being unfavorable to the Arab cause, has put them in a very unpopular and even hostile relationship with the Arab people. Work carried out in various parts of the country by various missionaries seems to be on its last legs and their organized work and foreign personnel are very closely and suspiciously watched by authorities so that they are almost at a standstill. Even the circulation about the country for many of them is being curtailed.

Does this mean an open door, a challenge and an opportunity for us to move in with the Gospel of the Kingdom? Or are we going to stand on the fence and let the time go by? I wish I could have many of you share with me on the spot the feeling and the desire to take action. But in spite of the distance that separates you from the very scene of things here, I am sure that you have the same measure of zeal that I

have because of your knowledge of the truth.

I propose we should immediately establish a Center in Damascus, properly equipped with a good library and other equipment necessary for holding study groups, lectures, social gatherings and other activities that would facilitate the presentation of both phases of the Gospel — personal salvation and the Kingdom — through both direct and indirect approaches. The Center should also take steps to create some Arabic literature on the subject. The use of some space in the Arabic press might be available from time to time until eventually, I believe, we should have our little Arabic weekly or monthly magazine.

It would be possible to rent premises properly located and suitable for such activities at approximately eighteen hundred dollars a year. To do the job properly, it would require the full time of two qualified people and would cost about three hundred dollars a month per person. I believe that incidental expenses in the way of printing, etc., could be paid for by free contributions raised locally if the initial expense of the necessary equipment is made available at the start. After the Center has operated for a certain length of time, we believe that part of the rent can also be raised out of local activities.

I am trusting to hear from you soon as to what extent we can depend on you financially. I hope that this appeal will meet with your immediate and favorable consideration and that God may guide you to take active participation in this program. We shall be glad to listen to any suggestion or advice that you may have on these matters.

News Report from Damascus

THE SYRIAN PRESS carries on campaigns against U. S. A. policy toward Palestine. It quotes item news stating that the Arab League has decided to send an all-Arab Army to Palestine if the UN is going to send an international force to Palestine. It warns the Arab World of the American conspiracies against the Arabs. One of the papers praises Mr. Lawrence H. Smith (a Wisconsin Representative) for his efforts in supporting the Arab aims.

The press has recently published news assuring all that the Arab League has already recognized Palestine as a fully independent Arab country and that the attendance of the Grand Mufti of Palestine for the first time at the Arab League meetings assures this recognition.

A statement given by Jam el Hous-saini was published in all papers stat-

ing that a "Suicide Gang" is being trained in Palestine to kill the members of the UN Commission on their arrival. The press describes the wide movements taking place in Syria and all the Arab World, and how large numbers of volunteers have already offered themselves to liberate Palestine and the big amounts of money already contributed.

A report from Haifa states that killed and wounded are often left on the streets for days before any relief is able to reach them or burial arrangements are made possible. Official reports of casualties and fighting in the cities of Palestine are ordinarily minimized.

The Jewish Alliance School in Damascus was partly damaged by a time bomb. All schools in the Arab countries have expelled Palestine Jewish students who were returned to

Palestine. The condition of Arab-Jewish students in the same schools is becoming intolerable because of the unavoidably tense relationship among students.

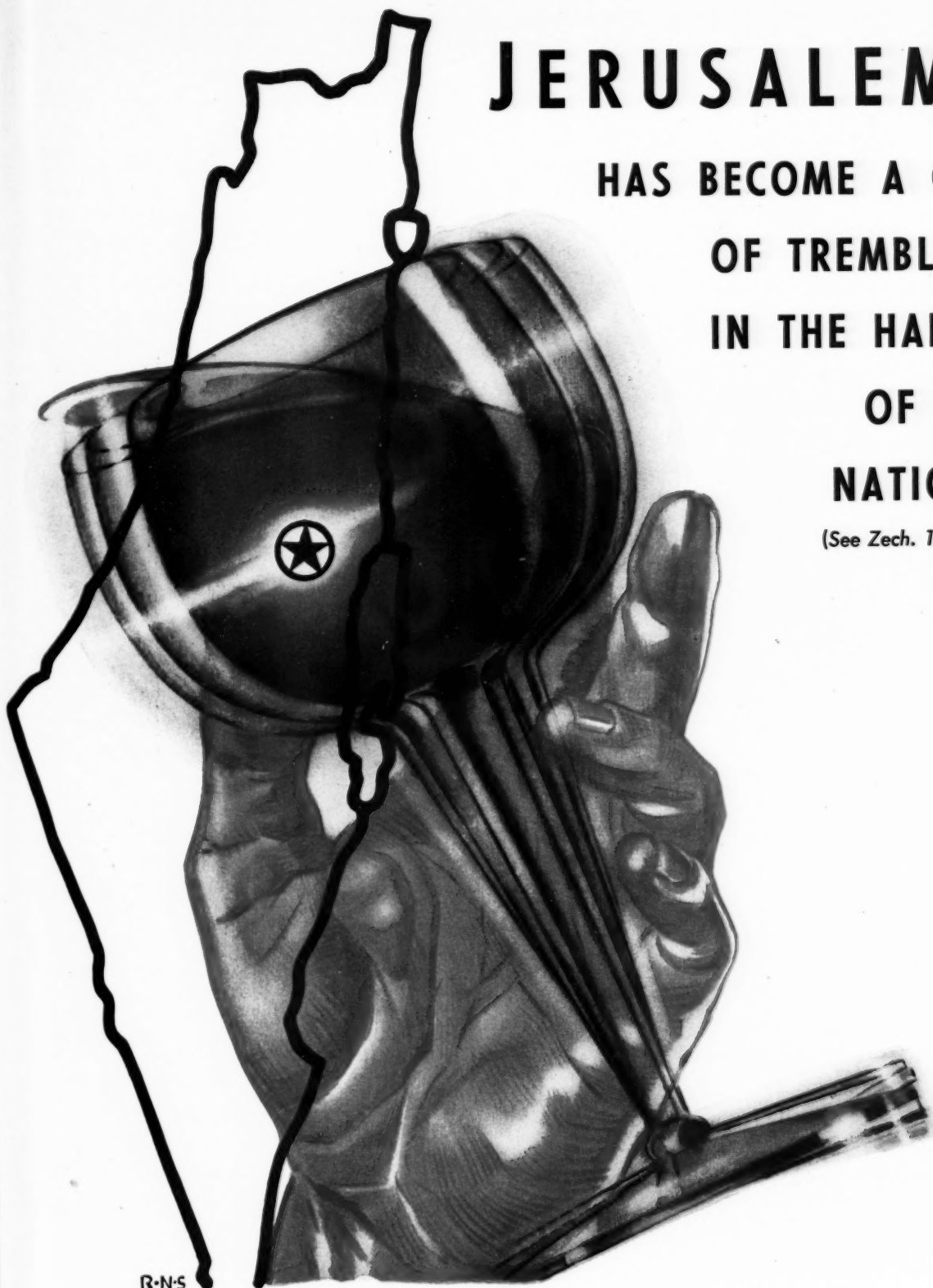
The press is in a continuous attack on the four big powers, urging the Arab government not to make any treaties or agreements with any of them. The Syrian Parliament has not yet approved the TAP line agreement owing to the U. S. A. situation in supporting the Zionists.

Large sums are being raised or contributed by Arab-Jewish communities in the Middle East for the support of the Arab-Palestine cause. Contributions are usually made either under threat or in the form of appeasement to the Arabs. No serious violence has yet taken place between Arabs and Arab-speaking Jews residing in Arab countries.

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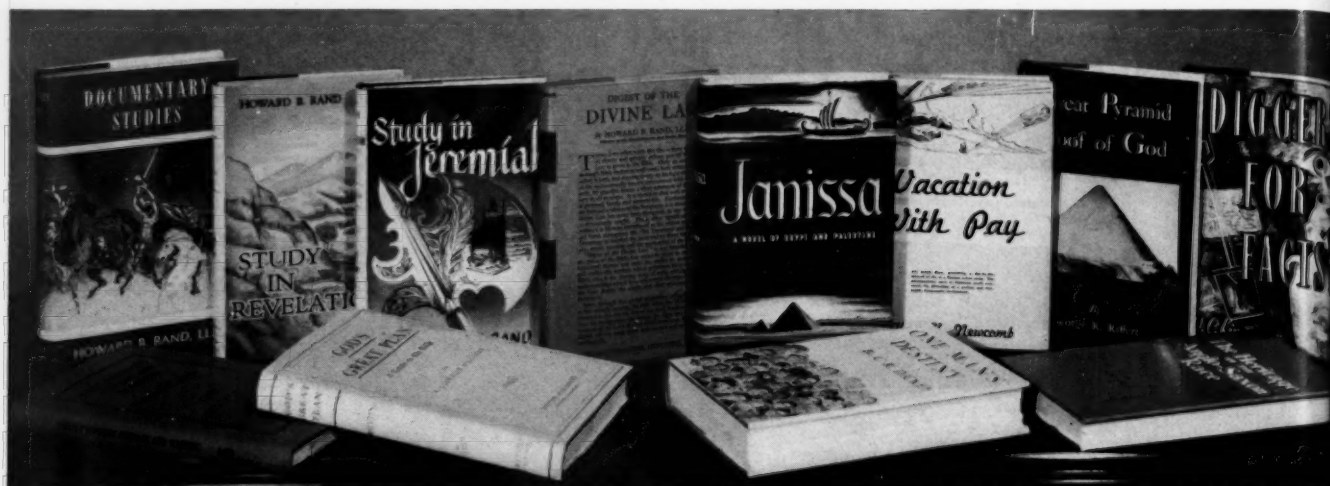
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